

Sumas & Mlatsqui News



CHRISTMAS AND THE WAITS

Old English song has the true Christmas spirit:—

"A man might then behold
At Christmas in each Hall,
Good fires to curb the cold,
And Meat for great and small.
The neighbors were friendly hidden
And all had welcome true.
The poor from gates were not chidden
When this old cap was new."

As old he sees the former customs, holidays, and incidental rural games come of no account, but Christmas holds its own, and many of its ings are strong as ever, charity and goodwill abound while the very with presents and good things for old and young. thing is more beautiful than the full voiced choir, the pealing organ, bells, and the gathering together of family and friends in full accord iness that Christmas always brings. There is, however, one custom ent, connected with this season, which so old in years is ever young —The Waits—I have a vivid recollection of a dream in which the sly mortal ever heard floated through my half awakened conscious- like with tears of joy running from my eyes. "Oh, it's only the waits

of London and Westminster; the post could be purchased in London, but in Westminster it was under the control of the High Constable and court of Burgesses. Purchasing is done away with and everything of an official nature, anyone can be a wait and play upon any instrument he may fancy, and rely upon a generous public for his remuneration.

As the waits generally play during the night when all good citizens are in bed, or should be, one hardly knows what they look like, but I was coming home late on once occasion, a very bitter night it was near Christmas, and I saw a little band of three of these ancient performers. The one who made my dream so beautiful could not possibly have looked like these three who were standing under the protection of a friendly wall. They were dressed in heavy, but oh! such shabby great coats, mufflers were round their throats, caps with ear lappets were on their heads, their instruments, an ophicleide, trombone, and clarinet were covered with green baize, to keep them warm I suppose, and the notes from freezing, while at every chance the ophicleide man beat his freezing breast with a hand as cold. Whatever they got for their services was well earned, every cent of it.

When Washington Irving visited England he was entertained at a country mansion which he called Bracebridge Hall, and this is what he has to say of the waits. After a jovial supper which does one's heart good to read of he retired to rest;—"I had scarce got into bed when strains of music seemed to break forth on the air just below the window. I listened and found it proceeded from a band, which I concluded to be the waits from some neighboring village. They went round the



I to myself, as the distant notes of a cornet came to my ears. So Keats say "Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter," waits" is of uncertain origin. Dr. Busby tells us that the word is "Wayghts," the old name of the hautboy and transferred from this se players who were musical watchmen engaged to pipe and watch ing's court from Michaelmas to Shrove Thursday and three times It was also their duty to make the "bon gate" at all doors to guard ychers and pullers."

established as early as 1400 at Exeter, and were most important many privileges. They ate in the hall with the minstrels, had owed plenty of food, candles, ale, bedding, with several other things, attended a knight on his being invested with the order of the Bath, doing being the knight's "watch" clothing,

term "waits" has been traced to the hautboy, there is an analogy ds "waits" and "waith," the latter meaning wanderer, and referring y to the wandering minstrels of Scotland who were, like of those under municipal control. The City looked after them and gave its own expense. A remnant of this custom still remains, so it is f diploma is granted by the magistrate to certain respectable blind who wander through the streets some two or three weeks before , for Christmas is not of much account in Scotland.

ering minstrels play the violin and beautifully render the old Scot. ich the silence of the night renders most tender and more effective, me when a man was made free of the City of Alnwick he was met women dressed out in ribbons, bells, garlands of gum flowers and ith ringing of bells and dancing, welcomed the lucky fellow. These name of "timber waits," timber being a corruption of "timbrel,"— urine players.

Old London the waits had a certain official standing in the cities

house under the windows. I drew aside the curtains to hear them more distinctly The moonbeams fell through the upper part of the casement, partially lighting up the antiquated apartment. The sounds as they receded became more soft and aerial, and seemed to accord with quiet and moonlight. I listened and listened—they became more and more tender and remote and as they gradually died away, my head sunk upon the pillow and I fell asleep.

ADORATION

Today the whole Christian world prostrates itself in adoration around the Crib of Bethlehem and rehearses in accents of love a history which precedes all time and will endure throughout eternity. As if by an instinct of our higher, spir- itual nature, there well up from the depths of our hearts emotions which challenge the power of human expression. We seem to be lifted out of the sphere of natural endeavor, to put on a new life and to stretch forward in desire to a blessedness which, though not palpable, is eminently real.

CHRISTMAS STARS

The silent Christmas stars shine cool and clear
Above a world of mingled joy and woe;
On peaceful cottage homes, with thanks aglow
For royal bounty of the grape-crowned year;
And on red fields of blood, where many a tear
Is wiped away by Death, a gentle foe,
More merciful than they who bade it flow.
Shine, silver stars, rain down your blessed cheer!

Comfort the mourner with your Angel song!
The Christ-Child reigns. Behold His tiny hand
Upraised in benediction warm and sweet!
O'er every joy and every bitter wrong
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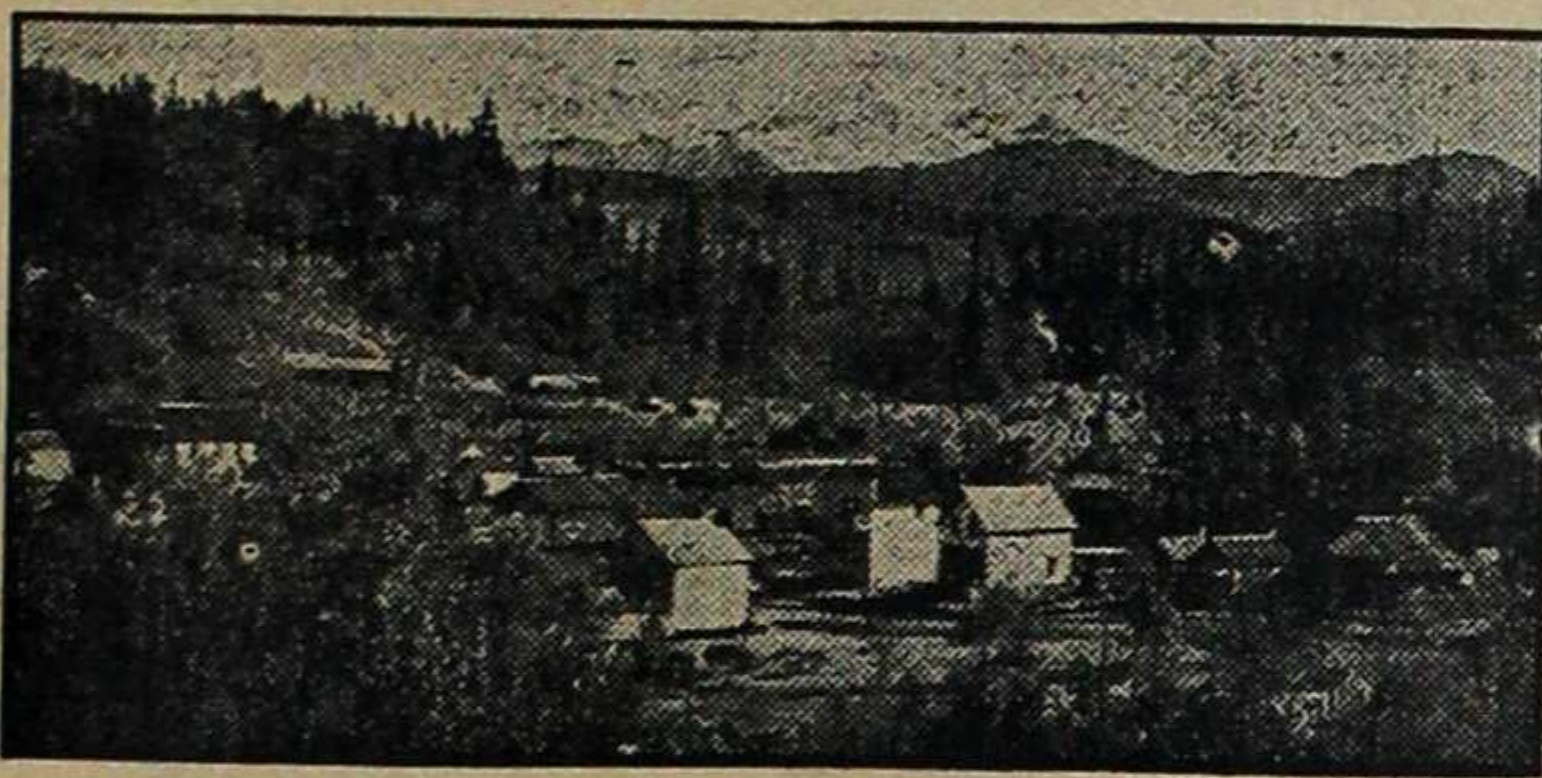
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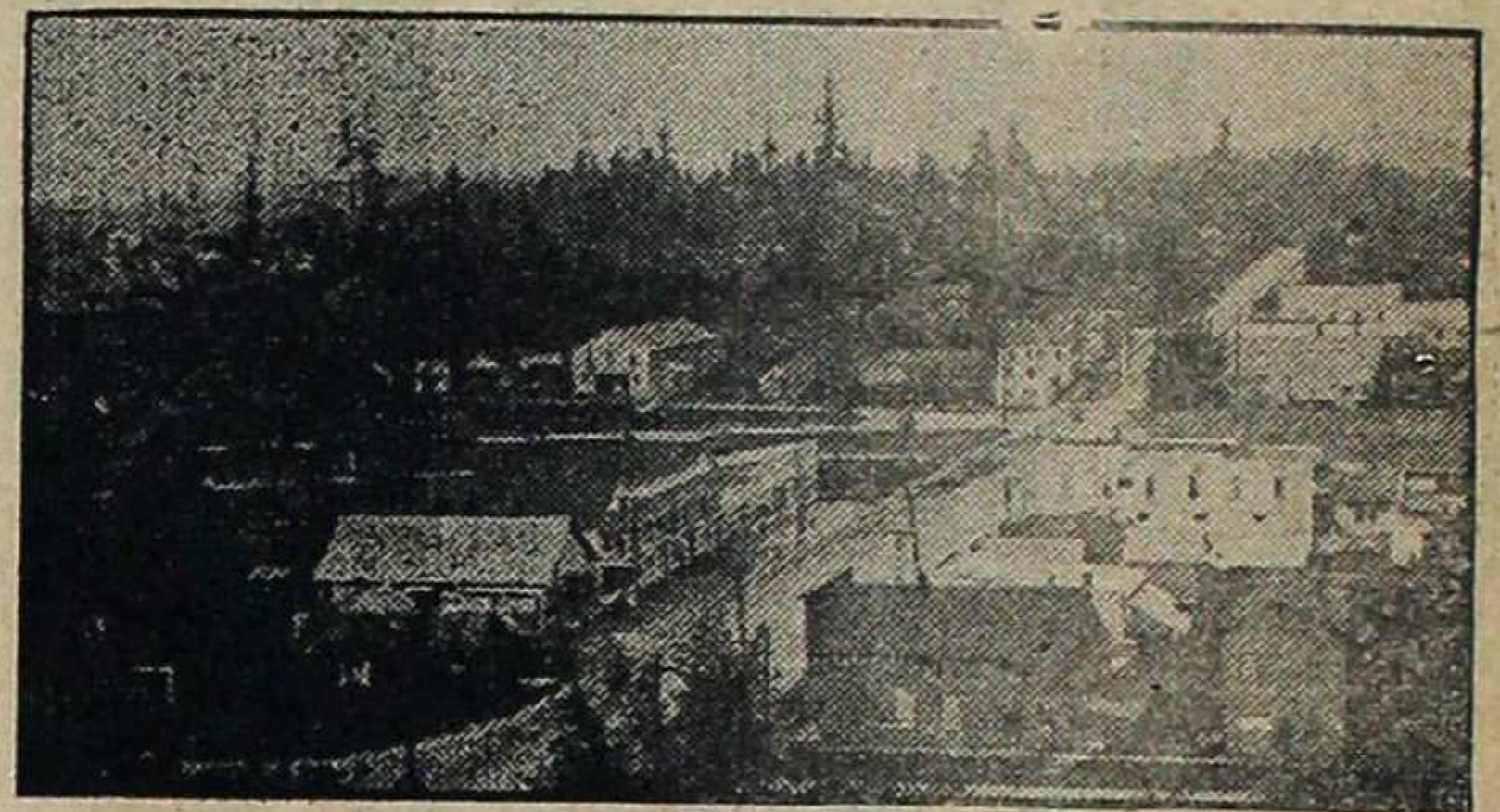
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Abbotsford 10 years ago (Courtesy Vancouver Sun)

Allow This, Our First Annual Xmas Number



Section of Business District Today

Remind You of the Many Joys Open To The People Calling This District "Home"

The Joys of Sumas Mountain

Mount Baker has homage enough, settler and tourist all respect him, and the Weatherwise look to him for guidance, but the service of Sumas to Abbotsford may easily be over looked.

When Sumas and Matsqui prairies are under the scourge of a wild and bitter north-easter, Abbotsford rests in comparative calm because this mountain has diverted the storm.

To its bulk is due the windlessness of many a day that is bleak outside.

From its slopes have come much timber that has passed through the town with profit.

It has produced no gold or precious metal but the clay in its veins has been of better worth, in building the villages of Clayburn and Kilgard.

In the hollow of its crown Straiton has grown, a rural settlement of value, holding many a story of early struggles, supplies dragged up from Abbotsford, or carried on shoulder from a landing at the Fraser.

There is a wealth of older history hidden up there, tales of the trail to Wade's Landing, from the old Whatcom road, stories of hunters, trader and prospector. Earlier still are Indian legends, one of dim mystery centred in that lost lake "Shullallogum," at the top, which only a few white folk have ever found.

The hunter finds happiness still on its slopes, for there is more deer there yet, than on any other local area its size. Bear still thrive on its many berries—and orchard, and both grouse and pheasant haunt its open glades.

Before long too, the engineer will comb the lower ridges for a reservoir site, when Abbotsford decides on Village water supply.

It is a wonderful advantage, in many ways to have a mountain at one's back.

Don't forget the shoe doctor at Whitechelo's store on Thursday and Friday. (adv.)

Joys Historical

Happy is the place that has no history said some wise man of old. For history was made up mainly of calamities, wars and famines, revolutions and floods.

By such a measure, the history of Abbotsford is a joy. It was not even founded by accident, but by deliberate design.

When the C.P. Railway blazed its iron trail southward from Mission to link up with the great American lines, the point where it crossed the famed Yale Road naturally became a centre. The Indian trail south from the river converged at the same dip. Naturally a Meeting Place, the germ of every city that ever grew.

Naturally, too, the far-sighted settler who first sheltered in its timber took a big hollow cedar stump for his temporary habitation, roofing it with "shakes" split from its trunk.

For the town has grown under the shelter of its timber. "Hand loggers" beginning, followed by branch mills from the coast, then a big milling company of its own that is still developing. A natural growth as the years succeeded, store following store, homes drawing other homes.

Few "booms" and fewer "set-backs" marked its peaceful advance. A few rash enthusiasms, a puff of powder that passed away, a gaseous vision still to be realized, other ventures and experiments incident to growth, but no floods or fires to devastate, no financial depressions to blight, but a steady development through its years, with an ever-increasing promise that is brighter at this Christmas-tide than it has ever been.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Advent (Dec. 23rd)

11 a.m. Shortened Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

7.30 p.m. Evensong

Christmas Day

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion

11 a.m. Holy Communion.



Pay Roll Joys

Climate and scenery are the better enjoyed when the physical needs are supplied; and the advantages of this district have always been supported materially by a dependable payroll.

The farmer always has a living, if not a bank account. Fruit and farm stock fluctuate in yields and prices, and this steadiest of professions may have the most uncertain income.

The man on the payroll, however, is certain of his cheque when his work is done, and cash is comforting.

Clayburn and Kilgard works to the north and east are outposts of the town guarding its doors from the Wolf. The mining and manufacturing of the clay supports many families who rely on Abbotsford for their supplies.

The recent citadel of industry raised at DeLair for the condensation of milk is a bulwark on the South. To the South West is the strongest fort, a defence of magnitude against the Wolf as its cluster of nurtured homes attest.

Government offices and railroads are smaller aids but no less constant, the wolf does not get into Abbotsford. When the district developments bring other manufactures they will find a town practised in industries.

The Joys of Transportation

With a main road north and south, one leading to a pavement that stretches from the Boundary to California; with a main road east and West, soon to be the Highway Interprovincial and one day transcontinental, and with all the minor feeding roads that the farming country needs, Abbotsford sits snugly on the main arteries of auto traffic of this Province.

"Hard surfacing" is inevitable, and is most probable next year, and the dust of highway traffic is golden to the business centres through which it passes.

The happy situation of Abbotsford as a railway centre, with three lines interchanging, has been amplified in the past, but the significance of its position in the future, as a junction of railway and highway has not been realized. Highways, interprovincial and inter state must have links with the steel roads that carry heavier traffic, and nowhere will this link have easier coupling than in this centre.

Men roam for many reasons, duty and circumstance, misery or pleasure may make for travel and retirement but always there lingers a desire to return, and it seems that Abbotsford will always be the easiest place to come back to from anywhere in the world.

J. K. Fraser motored to Vancouver during the week.

The Joys of Spending

A dollar bill in a wilderness is nothing but waste paper. It has no value until it is accepted in exchange for something more desirable.

Abbotsford was always reasonably supplied with the counters of exchange but recent years have seen remarkable advances.

From the staples of hardware and groceries have grown dry goods and tailoring, feeds and confectionery, banking and printing, parlours for ice cream, pool or shampoos, butchers and caterers for bed or board, blacksmiths and decorators, builders and garage experts—even to the luxuries of dentistry and law!

The hitching posts have disappeared before the rumbling radiators, and one who walks down the business street in a contemplative mood, must marvel at the wisdom which set that street so broad.

A line of cars parked on both sides leaves ample space on the highway. Such generous roomway is not common in cities, and shopping is both safer and pleasanter because of this great width.

When too, the paved road comes, as knowing prophets say it will ere many more moons come, there will be room on both sides of the street without those awkward detours.

The Joys of Service

Few towns evince such fraternal interest as is manifest in Abbotsford. A most vigorous Masonic lodge has a hall of its own.

The Orangemen, less exclusive have long held headquarters here, also on their own premises. With the True Blues maintaining an annual festival in May that never decreases in popularity.

The soldiers have their Veterans rooms, keeping up the comradeship of the war, supported, as all other merely masculine societies must be, by an auxiliary of ladies.

Then other clubs and societies, from the Caledonians, jealous of their descent to boy Rangers and High school literati show how strong are the bonds of association, for pleasure or education. For business there is the active Board of Trade ever pushing on to greater things, the Agricultural society with its annual blossoming at the Fall Fair.

And the petition now waiting on the powers at Victoria, may soon bind the body with the interests of the town paramount and all-absorbing.

Yet after all, the greatest expression of mutual service is probably that on the hill to the south, where the new hospital opens its doors on the pain-stricken of the district. It is a monument of sympathy erected by the people, not in cold granite or marble but in warm-hearted service, timely and skilful.

Stanley Parton, U.S. marines is home on furlough until after Christmas. He then joins his ship "Tennessee."

J. Wells brought a green strawberry in to the office yesterday.

Joys of Sport

As "The Sportman's Paradise," British Columbia is known the world over. Big game hunters can find in the distant hills game that exists no otherwhere. But it is not only in the Rockies and the Cassiar hills that sport can be pursued luxuriantly.

The Votaries of rod and gun in the Fraser Valley find thrills enough for their energy.

Abbotsford is so placed that both ground game and waterfowl can be had with "right and left." The ducks and geese of Matsqui and Sumas are famed through all the gun clubs of the coast. City men must make carefully planned excursions. Abbotsford hunters can run out before breakfast and often get a full bag in the "morning flight."

Reclamation works may reduce the water area of these prairies, but stubble fields will increase, and geese will rejoice in gleaming the fields, wildgeons will find more food than ever, and the smartweed and arrowweed will keep the mallard happy in the ditches.

Clearing may drive the grouse farther back in the hills, but the pheasants will take their place. Bobwhite and the Hungarian partridge have come northward of their own will, intending to settle here permanently if given a chance.

Bear and deer and coyote can be found by those who venture further afield, and a two days trip in the right direction will bring mountain goat in view.

Fishermen may turn westward to Clayburn, Gifford, and the ever-bountiful Fraser, or eastward to the Vedder, "the finest fishing stream in the Province." The big rods aspire to steelhead, now running well in that river, the gentler anglers are satisfied with the trout of Sumas and Marshall Creeks, the Saar or Muddy Slough.

Few districts could be named where outdoor sports can be enjoyed in such bounteous measure. For those who prefer racquets, baskets and balls, to rods and guns, facilities are provided lavishly. The increase of tennis courts and clubs has been a pleasant feature of this last summer's sports.

Altogether Abbotsford offers a joyous outlet for every variety of good clean sports.

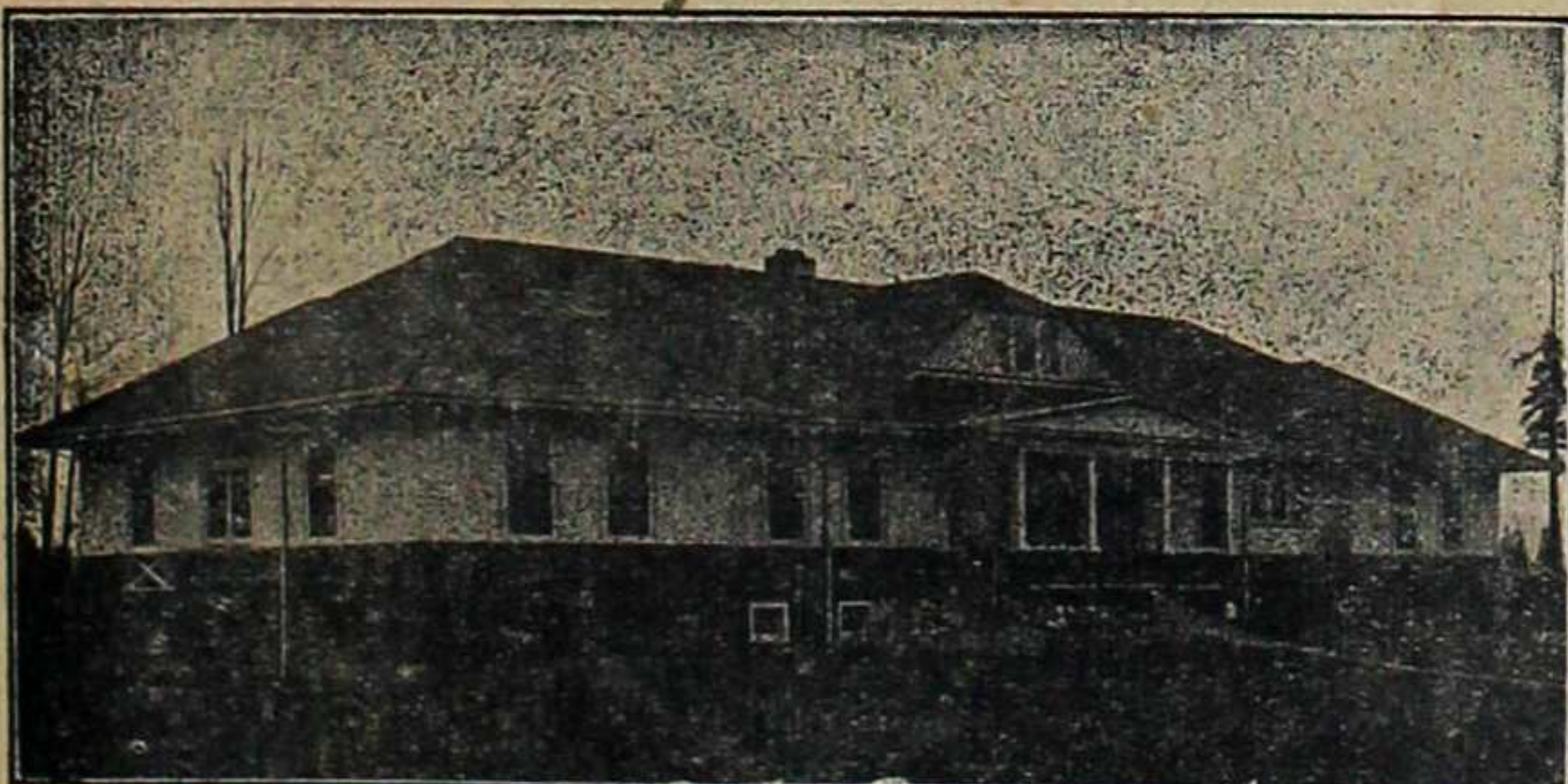
The Joys of Worship

These are known only to the worshipful. But Abbotsford has provided room for its devout congregation. No local town of its size has more.

The Anglican and Presbyterian churches, crowning one hill look across to the other where the Catholic church stands sentinel.

The gospel Mission is at their feet, and towards the mill, even the Sikh has built him a temple, the only one outside the city.

By building of a Parish hall, with men's and boys clubs succeeding, and by the setting out of a tennis court, both St. Matthew's and the Presbyterian Church are showing a lively interest in all that pertains to the well being of their members. In addition to these are the occasional lectures of the I.B.S.A.



The Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford General hospital at Abbotsford with a capacity of 15 beds and modern operating equipment and medical facilities. Regarded as a model institution by rural hospitals of the province. Opened April 8th 1922 and staffed with a matron, two graduate nurses, a housekeeper and a janitor, it has won praise from the entire district for the manner in which patients are treated. Since the photograph was taken considerable improvement has been made to the grounds and approaches, and renovations effected to the interior of

the building. The hospital is supported by per capita allowances from the Provincial government, by fees from patients, by grants from municipalities, by donations and subscriptions of the members. It is also a financial success. R. L. McCulloch is chairman of the Board of Directors, N. Hill vice-chairman, and T. Bennett, secretary.

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As it happened, we did not hear of another suitable cow at the time, so I put the remainder of Cousin Margaret's gift in the bank. I have omitted to say that as soon as it was decided that we should go to Herrington's Hope she wrote me a long letter, full of good advice, and enclosed a cheque for the proceeds of the sale of two young cows, "which I should have given to the children if you had been coming near us."

Both Cousin Margaret and Mr. Campbell were very much interested in our venture and though Murray was somewhat backward about accepting so large a gift I convinced him that it was not a case for false pride. The Campbells were in more than comfortable circumstances, and they were very fond of the twins.

With Carrie established in one end of the stables and twelve hens rapidly becoming acclimatized in the other we began to feel that we were real farmers. If Carrie had not been a perfect lady she would doubtless have expressed her opinion of amateurs in the only manner at her disposal. But she never once kicked the pail over, nor put her foot into it, and it was not long until Murray and I could both milk her properly. And nothing ever tasted quite so good as the cream that came off the top of the tall old-fashioned milk cans, unless perhaps the butter and the buttermilk.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Teddy went back to the city for the 1st of September, and then we began to learn what isolation really meant. So long as he had been with us the picnic spirit had been more or less evident in all that we did. But with his going I felt that no matter what the future might hold, it could bring, to me at least, no time of more severe testing.

The neighbors were busy with the harvest, and day after day passed without our seeing a living soul. At

times the silence pressed on me like a physical burden, and at night I seemed actually to feel the thick darkness that I afterwards learned to love. Like poor old Sir John babbling of green fields I longed for Portage Avenue on a Saturday night, for the dome of the Capitol outlined against the sky, for the never-failing surprise of the twin towers of the Cathedral as one sees them through the buildings and tracks and bridges of the wholesale district, for the changing faces of the crowd, even for the noise of street cars and automobiles.

I do not mean that I was constantly unhappy, nor do I think that even Murray realized what the tearing up of all my roots meant to me. My homesickness was of the subtle sort that wakes with one in the morning, that can be kept silent by work and play during the hours of daylight, but that raises its tearful head whenever one is alone or quiet and is always to be found on one's pillow at night.

Even with the making of cranberry jelly and the preserving of wild plums added to my housework there was not enough to keep me safely busy indoors, and so our very occasional caller was likely to find the whole Aylwin family in one place, that place being wherever Murray's work happened to take him.

Jim Cameron, I think, was rather shocked the day he found me helping to unload and pile our winter firewood. Personally, I found it rather an amusing task, and I could never understand why I should not help Murray whenever I could, especially as at that time I was actually more fit than he. Of course I did it all in as "womanly" a manner as possible—wore gloves and a wide hat whenever I thought of them. I had vowed a solemn vow that nothing on earth should make me careless about my appearance or about the niceties of life, and that my tomboy childhood and tennis playing and snowshoeing girlhood had made it possible for me to do what might be considered a man's work seemed no sufficient reason for neglecting my hands or my complexion or my clothes. At first Murray hated the thought of my doing outdoor work, but the children and I made a game of it and I quoted WAACS and munition workers until he had to give in. As he grew stronger the need for my assistance passed and I became a lady once more. But that I was able to help him when he needed help justified every bump and bruise and torn dress of my childhood.

I should have been ungrateful indeed had I not admitted the feeling of deep content that gradually blunted the sharp edge of my homesickness.

For it was soon evident that our experiment, which had sometimes seemed so wild a venture, was already proving itself a success in its most important aspect. Murray, except when he fussed about his wife's having to do something that he thought was too hard or too unpleasant for her, was to all appearances perfectly happy.

When Dr. Sutherland first advised our leaving the city I had asked Murray if he did not fear the loneliness of country life.

"Not for myself," he answered without hesitation. "If you can stand it I can. You see, Margaret Anne, when a fellow has been under someone's eye day and night for years, as I have been, the prospect of being absolutely free, with no one near but the family, is pretty near Heaven. And I've had noise enough to last me all my life, thank you."

Murray so seldom spoke of his experiences as a prisoner that I had not realized before how deeply the feeling that he was being watched had bitten into his consciousness. I wondered if perhaps isolation would be bad rather than good for him, but the doctor was so sure that could his physical condition be improved his nerves would cure themselves, and Murray so eager to follow the doctor's advice, that I did not mention the matter again.

It was soon proved that I had worried unnecessarily. I do not mean that Murray miraculously became again the man he had been, and perhaps he will never lose the scars that are not mentioned in his discharge papers. But I could see that he was gradually growing stronger, and that the stillness and the loneliness, to which I found it hard to adjust myself, were just what his weakened body and tortured nerves required. Though he never acquired an appetite to match Jim Cameron's he soon began to gain in weight. And almost from the first he slept better than he had since his return; even when he had worked too hard his weariness seemed to be of a wholesome bodily sort, and he would wake in the morning with a tiny reserve of energy, instead of under the shadow of a dream.

The children, too, were happy as a rule. They had always been accustomed to play together and Herrington's Hope afforded many opportunities for new and fascinating pursuits.

Once in a while Nicolas gave evidence of missing her old environment. I remember very plainly one rainy night when, long after the children had gone to bed, I heard a smothered cry of "Mother," and going into their room I found Rupert sound asleep but Nicolas crying quietly to herself in the darkness.

"I w-w-want to go to my own house," she sobbed. "It's so d-d-dark here and the trees come too close and I d-d-don't like lamps and w-w-water pails."

"But you have Daddy and Mother and Rupert and Carrie and Star and Stockings and the chickens," I reminded her as I picked her up and dried her wet little face. "You must be a brave girl and help Mother to take care of everything, for the farm is going to make Daddy better; so that he'll not have to go to the hospital again."

"He c-c-couldn't, 'cause there isn't any hospital," was the somewhat choked reply. "there's just t-t-trees and trees and no people."

"But you like trees," I said, "if there were no trees where would the birds and the squirrels live?"

It was an unfortunate argument. "The poor little b-b-birdies will get all wet and drowned!" wailed Nicolas. "I don't like the rain, Mother, I w-w-want to go back to my own house!"

The sun was shining in the morning and Nicolas was her usual happy self again as daylight brought anew to her mind the superiority of horses and chickens over electric light, nor did she ever again give way to her feelings with such violence.

Perhaps I talked to Nicolas too much in those first days, but she was so wise and old-fashioned in many ways that I thought it best to take her into my confidence. So I told her how necessary it was for us to stay on the farm, and her adoration of her Daddy drove the lesson home.

"But I don't like the trees when they make the wind blow," she insisted after we had discussed every other point. "they go 'oo-oo-oo' like a wolf, and maybe if a wolf did come we would not hear him."

"And there are no wolves here, darling," I said, after I had explained that it was the blowing of the wind that made the trees toss and the tossing of the trees that made the wind blow.

"But Rupert says there are," was the surprising reply. "He says there are wolves like Red Riding Hood's in those big Christmas trees across the creek. Can wolves swim, Mother?"

I am not aggressively modern as a rule, but I should like to prescribe several of the old-fashioned nursery tales that make so deep an impression on the sensitive mind of a child. Both the twins had insatiable appetites for stories, and from other children, and from the woman who used to keep them when I went out, they had heard some that I should never have told them. I had thought that a much abridged rendering of "Mooswa" and the "Jungle Book" had displaced Red Riding Hood, but it was now evident that the earlier impression was still strong.

I did my best to convince Nicolas of the improbability of there being wolves in the bush across the creek, and of their harmless habits even if

there should be an occasional one. But it was Jim Cameron who really set her mind at rest. Belief in her mother's infallibility was strong in Nicolas, but she had the truly feminine faith in a man's superior knowledge. And so when "Mr. Jim Cameron" told her that he had never seen a wolf on her Daddy's farm she was satisfied, and as eager as the rest of us to explore the corner of the homestead that lay across the creek. We would have to wait until the early winter brought ice strong enough to carry us, for, though narrow, the creek was fairly deep and I, with the prairie-born dread of water, did not take kindly to the thought of a raft or a felled tree. When winter came, Murray promised us, we would build a foot-bridge.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

As I have said, we saw little of our neighbors for the first month. The Cameron brothers were the exception, and they were a host in themselves. Bob proved to be older, quieter and not so red-haired as Jim, but he was equally friendly and equally appreciative of my cooking. He had been overseas with the 10th Battalion, and he and Murray quickly reached the "do you remember" stage and soon became rather more than mere acquaintances.

Bob is a fine fellow I'll admit, steady and dependable and thoughtful. But I shall always have a soft spot in my heart for the more exuberant Jim, my first friend. From the beginning he attached himself to me and the twins, and Murray has always laughed at his devotion. But I do not mind being laughed at, the lad's heart is inflammable in reality as his hair is in appearance, but he has one of the most cheerful temperaments I have ever known; and he will do anything for a person he likes. We soon learned that Jim had his serious side too, and when we asked his opinion on anything we thought of doing, he was as matter-of-fact as Bob, and his advice always proved to be worth following.

We were indeed fortunate to have such friends, and I found ways in which to repay a part of their kindness. Since as boys of sixteen and eighteen they had come West they had "bached", and their appreciation of a woman's home-making ability was truly pathetic. They seemed to think that the darling of a three-cornered tear in a Sunday suit, or the gift of a cake or some home-made candy was of much greater importance than their saving us from the mistakes we should have been certain to make had they not helped us.

(To be continued)

World Cruise of British Squadron

Will Visit B.C. Coast in June and Canadian Atlantic Ports in August

The British Admiralty has issued the programme for the forthcoming world cruise in which the battleships Hood and Repulse and a light cruiser division will take part.

The squadron will leave Devonport, November 27, and will proceed sometimes at full strength and sometimes in divisions, around Africa, calling at the principal ports. Thence they will go to Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Australia and Fiji.

The light cruisers will arrive at Esquimalt on June 21, and will stay there 12 days, while the battle cruisers will put in an identical period at Vancouver and Victoria.

The entire squadron will then go to San Francisco, after which the light cruisers will steam around South America, calling at the chief seaports.

In the meantime the battle cruisers will pass through the Panama Canal and after a visit to Jamaica, will arrive at Halifax on August 5, remaining there 10 days. A 14 days' stay will be made at Quebec beginning August 18, and Nova Scotia or Newfoundland will be visited from September 4 to 17. The battle cruisers will afterwards rejoin the light cruiser division, and the squadron will make home ports on September 28.

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The natural food
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mother's milk
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EAGLE BRAND
CONDENSED MILK

Oil Geyser in Baku

Due probably to shifting strata in the Caspian Sea, an unusual phenomenon in oil wells was noticed recently near Baku. A geyser suddenly began erupting from the sea, two miles off the coast, and during two hours of activity spouted at a height of 70 ft., throwing off stones as well as oil. The eruption was accompanied by flames. A small island formed when the geyser died down.

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A Few Drops Bring Relief

The wonderful relief you get from twenty drops of Nerviline will surprise you. Take it in sweetened water, and almost immediately you feel better. Nerviline brings up the gas caused by fermenting food, and relieves that distressed feeling in the stomach. When colic or cramps strike you at night, Nerviline is a sure relief. For general use in the family, for emergency use, always keep Nerviline on hand. 35c at all dealers.

The Restless Age

Estimating the travellers on the hundreds of railroads north of the Rio Grande, and the thousands who travel by motor car, it will be found that a good proportion of the 118,000,000 people who live in the United States and Canada are going somewhere all the time. This is indeed a restless age.

TOOTHACHE

Bathe the face. If there is a cavity in the tooth place in it a piece of cotton saturated with Minard's.

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"KING OF PAIN"
LINIMENT

The Great Motor Divide

Citizens of the United States may be divided into two classes—those who are paying for automobiles and those who are dodging them.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

"My Hands Trembled and I Could Not Sleep"

Mr. Thomas Honey, Brantford, Ont., writes:—



"When I began taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, I was so nervous that when I picked up a cup of tea my hand would tremble like a leaf. I could not sleep well, could not remember things, and there were neuralgic pains through my body. After taking seven boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, however, I am in perfect health."

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Magic Baking Powder is scientifically made and has never failed to give the maximum leavening efficiency. Because of this and the uniformly satisfactory results obtained by its use we recommend it as Canada's perfect baking powder.



PRODUCT OF CANADA

U.S. Egg Yield

Egg Production Contributed More Than One Billion Dollars to Wealth of Country

The little red hen and her numerous sisters in the United States contributed more than one billion dollars to the national wealth in the last year, according to statistics made public in advance of the annual meeting of the National Poultry and Egg Association held in Chicago.

This is the biggest yield in the history of the egg industry and is in excess of the wheat crop.

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By Clearing the System of Sour, Fermenting Wastes, Dr. Hamilton's Pills Quickly Restore Health.

If fermentation of food in the stomach can be prevented, you go a long way towards stopping the most frequent ailment of the day. After once using Dr. Hamilton's Pills the stomach is cleared of the sour, fermenting matter that causes gas, heartburn, indigestion and headaches. You will be pleasantly surprised at the smooth, easy way in which Hamilton's Pills tone up the liver, kidneys and stomach. To secure the aid your system needs, use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. 25c at all dealers.

Winding 25 miles of string into a ball half his height is a feat upon which a 77-year-old man bases his claim for the world's string-winding championship.

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KIDNEY TROUBLE?

The Kidneys are the Blood Filters—When They Weaken and Stop Up, The System Becomes Overloaded With Uric Acid.

Toronto, Ont.—"I can highly recommend Dr. Pierce's Anuric (anti-uric-acid) Tablets to all those who suffer in any way with their kidneys or bladder. Anuric is by far the best medicine of the kind I have ever taken. My kidneys were congested and inflamed, my back ached something awful, my bladder was weak and I suffered from a scalding and burning sensation. I was almost down and out—but thanks to Doctor Pierce's Anuric (kidney) Tablets I do not suffer any more. Those who suffer as I did will find Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets just the medicine they need."—Mrs. Albert Blunt, 6 Blevins Place.

Ask your nearest druggist for Anuric, in tablet form, or send 10 cents to Doctor Pierce's Laboratory in Bridgeburg, Ont., for trial package. Write Dr. Pierce, Prest. Invalids Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for free medical advice.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

"LITTLE FOXES"

By E. A. Henry, D.D.

Interesting Stories For Young Folks

Published By Permission Thomas Allen, Publisher

SELFISHNESS

My, that is a nasty little fox! If it gets into your garden it will spoil it, sure as guns!

Not that you and I are to have no selves. That kind of a person is an empty, silly, shallow body. You want the biggest self you can get. And you need to care for yourself. For if you do not, you will have no self with which to care for anyone else.

And you need a true self-love, for if you stop truly loving yourself, you will soon have nothing with which to love anyone else.

But selfishness means you cannot see anybody else but yourself.

Selfishness means putting yourself in the centre and expecting everybody and everything to dance to your music.

A little boy said to his sister, "Mary, there would be more room for me on this sofa if one of us was to get off!"

Was he not a selfish boy? Who would want to have that kind of child around—that expects the whole house to get out of his way so he could blow himself?

Some one tells a story of the selfishness of the unselfish life of a little ragged bootblack, who sold his kit to get a quarter to pay for a notice in the paper of the death of his little brother. When the kind newspaper man asked if it was his little brother, with a quivering chin he said, "I had to sell my kit to do it, but he had his arms around my neck when he died!"

The news went round and that same day at evening, he found his kit on the doorstep, with a bunch of flowers bought with pennies by his chums, who were touched by his unselfish act.

There is something very attractive about a girl or boy who thinks of others and forgets self.

I have read of the wonderful St. Bernard dogs in the mountains of Switzerland.

There is a house called a hospice, 8,000 feet above sea level, where the monks live who keep the dogs to watch for lost travellers who may perish in the snow.

The dogs have baskets strapped on their backs, which contain food for lost men. They are trained so that they will find people and guide them to the place of safety.

The story that interested me was of an Englishman who wanted to see the dogs at work.

The monks told him that the best dog had been out for some time and they were becoming worried over his absence.

In a few moments, in the dog came, looking completely discouraged. He seemed to have no spirit, although all his companions were barking and jumping around him. The old dog paid no attention, but went and lay down in a sort of hopeless way, without even wagging his tail—like all good dogs do that are pleased with themselves.

The explanation of the monks made me think.

They told the Englishman that that was the way the dog always acted whenever he had failed to help any traveller.

Just, think, girls and boys, of the instinct of a well-trained dog—so deeply set on helping, that failure, even when he was not to blame for it, made him ashamed and sad!

Surely we will at least be equal to a trained St. Bernard.

Surely we should far surpass him, by voluntarily, of our own loving choice, seeking to help in a life of shining unselfishness.

Worms cause fretfulness and rob the infant of sleep, the great nourisher. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will clear the stomach and intestines and restore healthfulness.

Excellent Christmas Service To The Old Country

The Canadian Pacific have made available a fleet of superb steamships and an unusual number of sailings for Christmas travel to the Old Country. In connection with these sailings special tourist sleepers are being operated from Edmonton, Saskatoon, Calgary, Moose-Jaw, Regina and Winnipeg, direct to the ship's side at West St. John, thus giving a through service with the only change or transfer being from train to steamer.

The December sailings for which these cars will be operated are: S.S. "Montclair," December 7th, to Liverpool; S.S. "Melita," December 13th, to Southampton; S.S. "Montcalm," December 14th, to Liverpool; and S.S. "Marloch," December 15th, to Glasgow.

In addition to the through tourist sleepers, a special train will also be operated for the sailing of the S.S. "Montcalm," December 14th. This train will leave Winnipeg 9.50 a.m. Tuesday, December 11th. Special cars from western points will be attached to this train for operation through.

Booking should be arranged early in order to secure the best accommodation, and any Canadian Pacific Agent can make full arrangements. 32-23



Schooner On Iceberg

A steamer was rounding Cape Horn recently when the captain saw a gigantic iceberg floating in the water, and on it was a large three-masted schooner with its boats still in position, but apparently no one was on board. It was impossible to get near enough to it to see its name, and what had happened to its crew remains a mystery.

HEART WAS SO BAD HAD TO SIT UP IN BED

Mrs. O. E. Fitzgerald, 106 Ross St., St. Thomas, Ont., writes:—"In the Fall of 1921, I was taken ill with my heart, but I did not pay much attention to it. I kept on with my household duties, but seemed to become worse and worse, and finally had to call in a doctor. He said I was all run-down and was a nervous wreck. I had a severe pain in my chest which would move over to my heart and it became so bad I could not lie down, as when I did I had such a smothering feeling I would have to sit up in bed till it passed away.

I tried several remedies, but with no good results. Finally, I was induced to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I took 7 boxes, and I am now as well as I was 30 years ago, and I am now 65 years old."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c a box at all druggists or dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Air Travel Popular With Invalids

Austria now has an aerodrome at Mauer, half an hour's ride by automobile from the centre of the city. Planes may be had at all hours for any destination within the country. Air travel is growing popular with invalids who want to reach health resorts quickly and free of the jolting and discomfort attending trips by train.

GOOD RED BLOOD A REAL NERVE TONIC

Weak, Watery Blood the Source of All Nervousness

"If people would attend to their blood, instead of worrying themselves all," said an eminent nerve specialist, "we doctors would not see our consulting rooms crowded with nervous wrecks. More people suffer from worry than anything else."

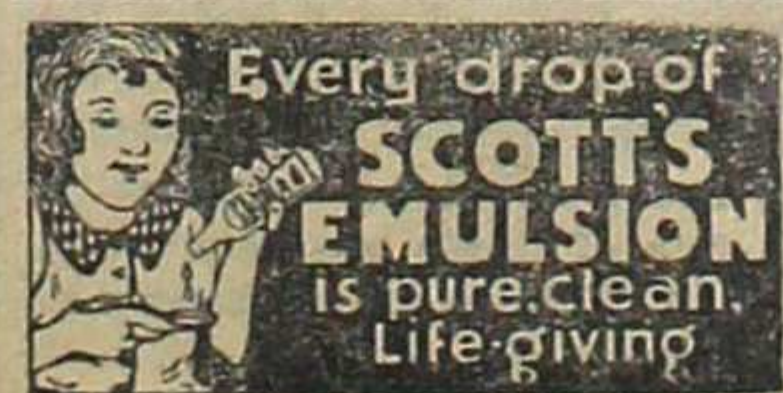
The sort of thing the specialist spoke of is the nervous, run-down condition caused by overwork and the many anxieties of today. Sufferers find themselves tired, low-spirited and unable to keep their minds on anything. Any sudden noise hurts them like a blow. They are full of groundless fears, do not sleep well at night. Headaches and other nerve pains are part of the misery, and it all comes from starved nerves.

Doctoring the nerves with poisonous sedatives is a terrible mistake. The only real nerve tonic is a good supply of rich red blood. Therefore to relieve nervousness and run-down health Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be taken. These pills enrich the blood, which tones the nerves, improves the appetite, gives new strength and spirits, and makes hitherto despondent people bright and cheerful. If you are at all "out of sorts" you should begin taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Secures Buffalo Robe

One of the first buffalo robes from last February's kill at Watnwright was purchased by Sir Henry Thornton for presentation to Mr. Lloyd George as a souvenir of his visit to Canada.



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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Norway's capital is to lose its familiar name of Christiania and be known in the future by its original name of Oslo.

Doukhobors from Kamsack and Buchanan districts who have returned from Mexico have reported unfavorably against a move to that country.

The Virginia Hotel at Calexico, Cal., shifted several inches on its foundation when a pronounced earthquake shock shook the place.

Claims for damage to foreign property filed with the Government in Mexico as a result of the years of revolution there total \$250,000,000.

Mennonites colonized in Mexico have bought a carload of sewing machines to make their own clothes because of the high cost of clothing in Mexico.

An embargo on the export of pulpwood from Canada was recommended by Edward Beck, Secretary of the Canadian Pulp Association, before a Royal Commission on the pulp and paper industry.

Inspector T. V. Sandys-Wunsch, R.C.M.P., Vancouver, formerly of Regina, won the military match gold medal for the third successive year at the Canadian Revolver Association outdoor matches at Montreal.

Yields of shelled corn running from 31 to 65 bushels an acre were recorded in the Shaunavon district this year, according to E. E. Brockelbank, extension department, University of Saskatchewan.

According to the newspapers, the orphaned sister of Jack Cornwall, V.C., boy hero of Jutland battle and other members of his family have been living in poverty, while huge sums were collected for memorials to him.

Alberta Registered Seed

Applications are coming in steadily from seed growers of Alberta to have their registered seed handled through the provincial government seed plant at Edmonton. To date more than 58 seed growers have sent in applications. It is anticipated that the plant will handle about six times as much grain this season as last.

The Druggists All Agree That "Putnam's" Is Best

The oldest corn remover on the market is Putnam's Corn Extractor, and it is the best. Your corns will all drop out after a few treatments with this painless remedy. Failure impossible. Refuse a substitute for "Putnam's," 25c everywhere.

Storage Elevator for Edmonton

Preparations are now being made to commence construction of the million dollar government storage elevator which is to be established at Edmonton.

Worms, by the irritation that they cause in the stomach and intestines, deprive infants of the nourishment that they should derive from food, and malnutrition is the result. Miller's Worm Powders destroy worms and correct the morbid conditions in the stomach and bowels that are favorable to worms, so that the full nutriment of the child is assured and development in every way encouraged.

Renewing the Quarrel

A story is told of two Jews who went to the synagogue on the Day of Atonement, made up their quarrel and shook hands. Then one said to the other: "I wish you all that you wish me." "There you are—beginning again," complained the other.—Toronto Star.

All Night with Asthma. Everyone knows how attacks of asthma often keep their victims awake the whole night long. Morning finds him wholly unfitted for a day of business, and yet, business must still be carried through. All this night suffering and lack of rest can be avoided by the prompt use of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, which positively does drive away the attacks.

Says Gold Crowns Breed Insanity

People with gold crowns on their teeth are inviting insanity, according to Dr. H. A. Cotton, medical director of the New Jersey Hospital for the Insane at Trenton, who declared at a recent Kiwanis Club luncheon that gold crowns, pivot teeth, fancy bridgework and all forms of dentistry tending to infection made a person very susceptible to mental diseases.

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Lights As Storm Warnings

Sweden is about to equip its shores with a novelty in the way of storm warnings, pillars of fire readily visible at night from the sea to tell mariners of approaching storms. Strategic points on both the east and west coasts will be selected for the lights, and the new service will be particularly valuable to vessels not provided with radio.

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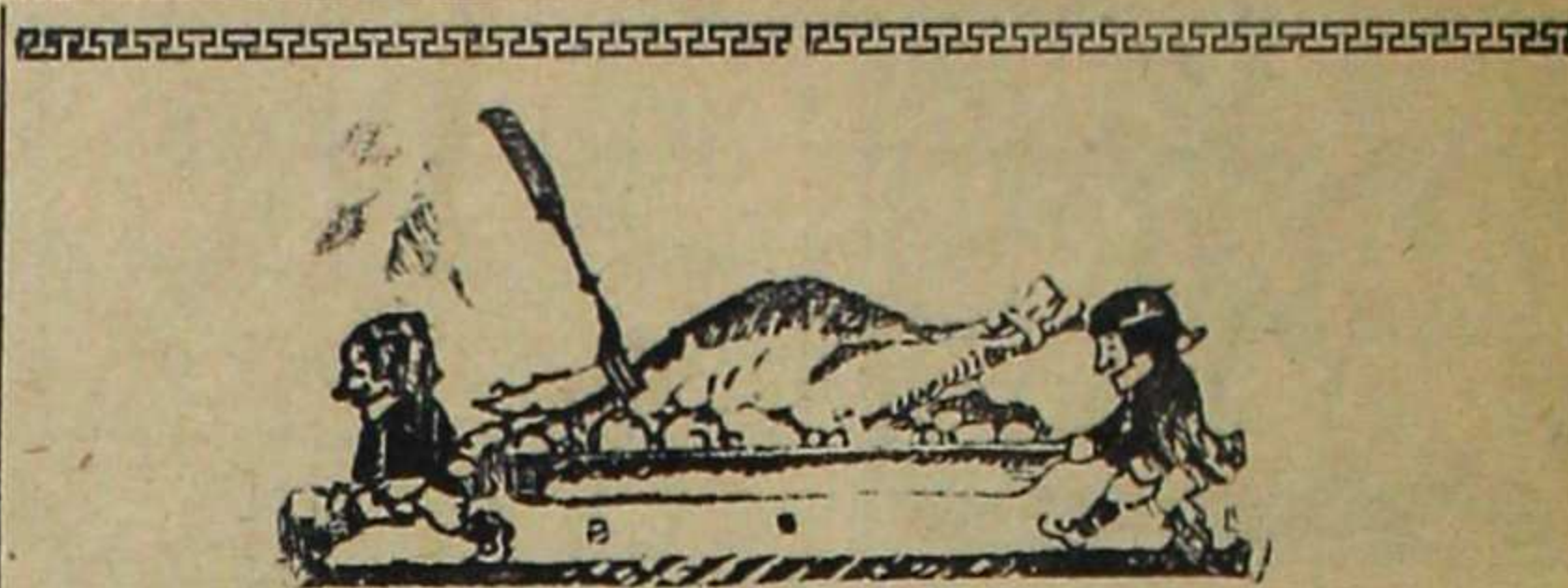
Prestbyterian Church In Abbotsford Has Thirty Useful Years Of History

Public services for worship under the auspices of the Presbyterian church date back in Abbotsford about thirty years. The Mission field embraces with Abbotsford, Pine Grove, Aldergrove, Upper Sumas and Mt. Lehman. The mode of transportation at the time was on horse back and the distances were considerable. The first preachers were students from the colleges who spent the summer months of vacation in this preparatory work. The first student was Mr. John Lewis who hailed from Nova Scotia, then Mr. Robert Jamieson, Mr. Hugh Rogerson, Mr. McKee, Mr. Ronald, Mr. R.J. Scott, Mr. A. D. Reid, Mr. Mc-

Kay, Mr. W.E. Knowles and Mr. Ferguson. Then the Rev. J. C. Alder was appointed, arriving to take up the work here in April 1907 and continuing the work until March 1910. The first services were held in the upstairs of a small store where the Pioneer store now stands. Afterwards the first school house was built where Mr. A. Taylor now resides and the few worshippers were delighted to have a suitable place for their services. Where Mr. J.J. Sparrow has his feed store was the next place of worship and was a sort of Community hall. Afterwards a place was secured on the corner now occupied by the Tire hos-

pital. This building was not long afterwards rented as the old Commercial Hotel with a bar and the church people were obliged to vacate, greatly regretting that their place of worship should be rented for such a purpose.

Then the necessity for a church building became apparent to all. The Rev. Mr. Alder being then the resident missionary, with commendable zeal engaged the sympathetic interest of the people obtaining donations of material, money, and voluntary labor which resulted in the church being completed and dedicated for public worship on the 23rd of February 1908. An interesting feature of the services was that the church was opened free of debt. The officiating clergyman were the Rev. Alexander Dunn D.D. and the Rev. J. Knox Wright, D.D. The Rev. J.L. Campbell B.A., B.D. came as the appointee of the Home Mission Committee in the year 1910 and continued until he resigned in October 1917. During his pastorate the Sunday school room was built, also the manse and the garage. The congregation in the year 1912 was organized as an Augmented Charge and Mr. Campbell was called and inducted as the first ordained minister of the Gospel with the newly formed congregation at Huntingdon associated with Abbotsford. The first session with Mr. Campbell as moderator was composed of Messrs. Frank Munro, Peter McCulloch, James Hutchison, Alexan-



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Season's Compliments
S. F. WHITE, the butcher

der McCallum and William Owens, who were ordained on the 25th of August 1912. St. Paul's church, Huntingdon was opened and dedicated in August 1913 with very interesting and impressive services. On the 15th of January 1918 the present minister, the Rev. W. Robertson, B.A. was inducted and during his pastorate the debt on the manse was paid, the garage was purchased, an addition was built at the rear of the church which is used for the Bible Class and as a wood house, the church has been repainted, excellent pews have been placed in the church and a tennis court has been prepared. All is now free from any financial encumbrance. The Ladies Aid with the co-operation of congregation have contributed much to the construction and needed improvements of church property. There was no Sunday school until 1904 as there were no children available until that time. Mrs. Hannah Fraser organized the Sunday school with a membership of about eleven but often not more than five were present. Mr. J. W. McCallum organized a Sunday school under the auspices of the Methodist church. Afterwards three Sunday schools were amalgamated with Mrs. Fraser and Mr. McCallum joint superintendents. Soon after Mr. Alexander McCallum succeeded his brother as superintendent and with Mrs. H. Fraser as assistant that relationship continues happily up to the present time. The Sunday school has continued to prosper until now there is an

enrolment of about 120 scholars and a capable staff of teachers and officers. The congregation is well organized and all departments are functioning with commendable activity.

Mrs. O. Humphrey is visiting friends in New Westminster. We are indebted to Mr. J. W. Winsor of Huntingdon for valuable assistance in producing this issue, and also for the better written feature stories it contains.

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Miss Helen McCallum was the recent
guest of her brother Mr. C. McCallum
of Mission.

Sumas Farmers To Launch Petition

About thirty members of the Sumas Land Owners' association met at Whatcom road on Saturday to hear the report of the directors who conferred with Hon. E.D. Barrow over the reclamation assessments. A verbatim report was read of the questions put to Mr. Barrow and his replies, the text of which was interpreted by those present as a definite refusal on the part of the government to consider any proposal to alleviate the charges assessed against the land owners.

Apart from expressed opinions that the government has established a precedent in assisting land owners in other dyked areas, and the general value of the Sumas reclaimed lands to the province at large, which justifies any assistance the government might grant, the cost and maintenance of the Vedder river diversion was a particular item for protest by those present. The land owners were unanimous in an opinion that the government was unjust in saddling the dyke district with such an expenditure, when the Vedder river control had been previously a public work with both Provincial and Dominion governments, and the river's natural course passed outside the dyking area. As a navigable stream they assumed it to be legally a government charge, especially as the river affected a large area of land outside the reclamation district. A. Campbell, who has studied this section of the work, was of the opinion that continual dredging will be necessary, the cost of which, if levied entirely upon the dyked land owners, would eventually become unbearable. Several of the members mentioned their individual cases, showing that the farmers are justifiably opposed to the proposed assessments which if levied, will work considerable hardship upon them. In the matter of credit, a factor most important to progressive farmers, it was said that no money can now be borrowed upon the security of the dyke lands. Farmers are unable to go ahead because of the uncertainty.

A thorough discussion of the various aspects of the situation resulted in a decision to immediately launch a petition setting out definitely the land owners' attitude and application, and circulate it for signatures of those directly affected. Co-operation in and endorsement of the move is to be sought from the Chilliwack, Abbotsford and other Valley Boards of Trade also the Associated Boards. To prepare a draft of the petition a special meeting was called for Wednesday, December 19th and on Saturday, December 22 at a general meeting of land owners the petition will be checked over and launched for signatures.

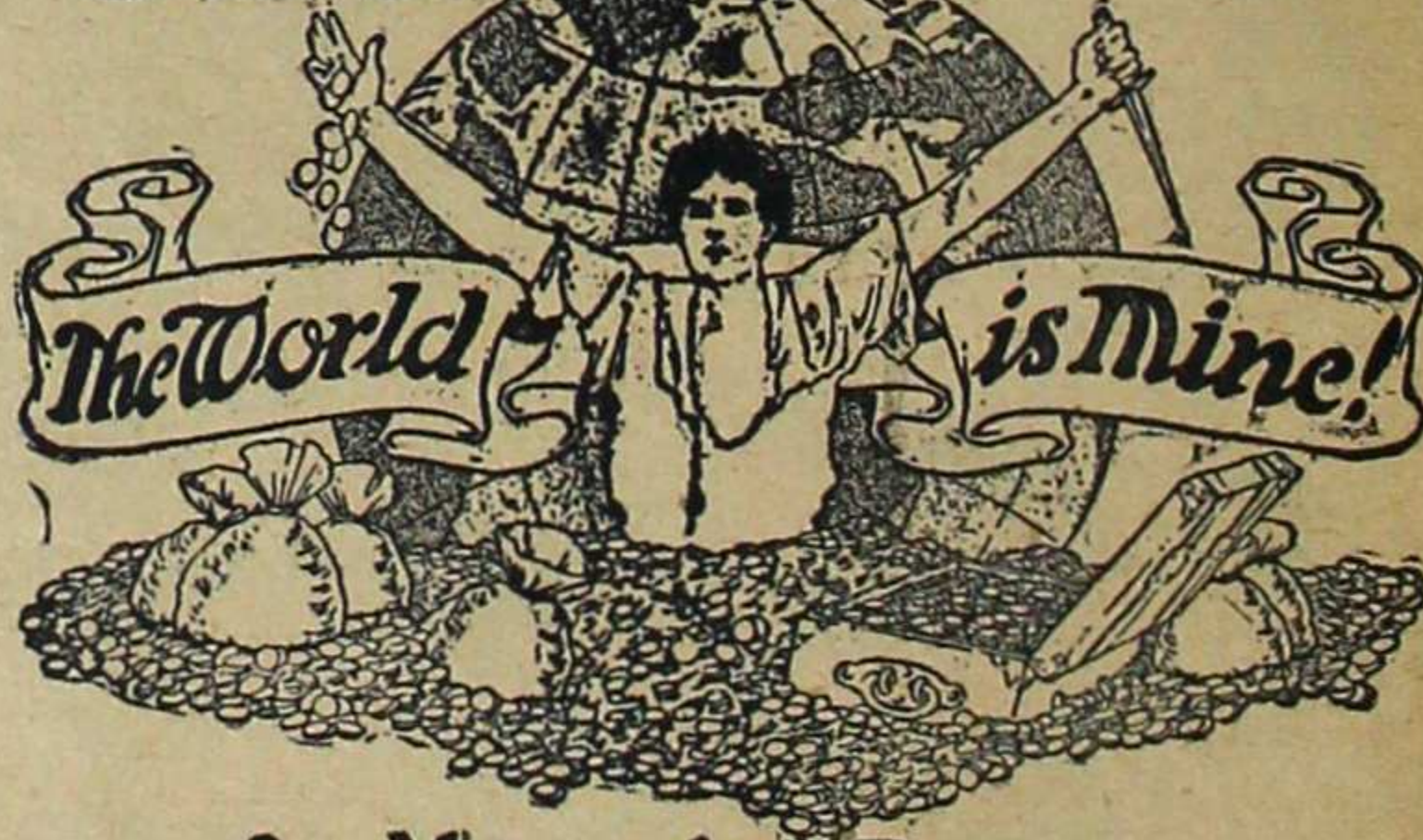
A vote of thanks was accorded the A. S. & M. News for membership tickets, extra copies of paper and publicity co-operation. J. Cook presided as chairman.

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Abbotsford's Largest Payroll Concern Concentrates On Domestic Market

New \$12,000 Resaw To Be Installed. Annual Banquet On Friday

With plenty of orders on hand and favorable indications for the future the Abbotsford Lumber, Mining and Development Company will rush the annual overhaul work this winter so that the shut down is as brief as possible. Besides making necessary repairs to machinery and equipment a new band resaw is to be installed at a cost of about \$12,000 and other smaller replacements will be made to enable some increase in production.

In the opinion of J. McGowan, secretary of the company, the prairie markets will become a considerable factor next year because of the fine crops. Mr. McGowan directs the selling of his company's huge outfit, and during his fourteen years' connection with the mill has made a close study of national conditions in their significance to the lumber industry. Although Oriental Latin American and Australian orders have created recent flurries among the Pacific coast mills, he does not overlook the permanence of the domestic market, and accordingly gives buyers on this continent preferential service.

A prediction made by S. J. Trethewey manager of the company, and published in these columns to the effect that hemlock would greatly increase in value, has been fulfilled. As everyone knows this species of wood formerly an unwanted quantity with most lumbermen, has greatly increased in price during the past year, making it possible to log stands of timber previously impossible because of the proportion of hemlock. Mr. Trethewey estimates his company's stand at approximately 160 million feet, mostly fir, about 15 per cent of which is hemlock.

The A. L. M. & D. Co. represents an investment of about one million dollars, and ranking among the largest concerns in the province. It provides employment for over 200 men and furnishes payroll sustenance of \$30,000 monthly to the town of Abbotsford. Brief mention of the company's equipment other than timber stands, lands, some thirty dwelling houses for employees and boarding and rooming house, would include nine miles of standard gauge trackage, two locomotives, two trucks, twelve horses, five

large donkey engines, duplex loader, and high lead paraphernalia, five twin steam engines for mill, 50 h.p. electric motor and a number of small motors, three 60x15 boilers, drag saw, shingle mills, 5000 gal. fire pump mill buildings, machine and blacksmith shops, supply warehouses, offices and stables. The mill produces around 20 million feet of sawn lumber yearly and 15 to 20 million shingles. Yard stocks are maintained at about five million feet.

Previous to purchase by J. O. Trethewey, R. A. Trethewey, J. F. Boyd and J. McEwen in 1908, the mill was operated by a company consisting of Messrs. Smith, Cook, and Johnson and located south of Abbotsford on the Sumas road. At the time it was established 21 years ago, there were but four houses in the vicinity. The proximity of this undertaking encourages the original merchants of Abbotsford to establish, and the town's present business representation has been mainly made possible by the steady financial support this lumbering venture has provided.

The company's annual banquet will be given on Friday next for which Mrs. Little, the mill cook and house keeper, is making elaborate preparations.

TALENTED ARTIST COMING FOR SCOTCH CONCERT

Miss Winnifred Turnbull, a well-known New Westminster soprano, who has taken leading parts in a number of recent productions of the New Westminster Operatic society, will participate in the New Year concert presented by the Caledonian Society. While a member of the organization for a number of years she has won special distinction for her singing and acting in the last three productions of *Pepita*, *Chimes of Normandy* and *Robin Hood*.

Important Appointment Made

We are pleased to report the appointment of Rev. W. Robertson, B.A., as Justice of Peace, notification of which was dated December 17th. Mr. Robertson's jurisdiction is not confined to this locality, but he will succeed the late Mr. Peck insofar as the local office is concerned. People of the district will all agree upon the commendable selection of the government in this matter.

TO OUR READERS

The publishers are proud of this issue and intend mailing sample copies far and wide. There are those who will criticize, naturally, but we merely ask consideration of facilities, size of staff and limit of finances to make the issue better. To those who are inclined to commend we would point out that the real credit belongs to the advertisers, for by taking space in this publication before it had its circulation established they displayed a fine community spirit. We have merely tried to give value.

Don't forget the shoe doctor at Whitehead's store on Thursday and Friday. (adv.)

There will be services in St. Matthews church Christmas Day at 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Big Masonic Doings On St. John's Day

Fraternal organizations exert a harmonizing and elevating influence in the affairs of men, and any community well organized in this respect is so much better for its lodge representation. In a town such as Abbotsford, with all its varied individuality, an influence is distinctly felt in every contact, which can be recognised as a reflection of the worthy principles upon which fraternal orders are founded. Conspicuous in this respect is the A. F. and A. M. in Abbotsford, having a respectable membership of about one hundred. The lodge is one of the oldest established in the district, having secured its charter in 1912, when the Masonic hall was dedicated. But three of the charter members are still resident in the town these being Dr. T. Swift, J. McGowan and R. J. Shortreed. W. C. Ditmares was the first worshipful master of the lodge in 1912, E. Webster having just succeeded E. T. Weir, in that office for the coming year. Although not as sumptuous as wealthy city lodges, the local lodge-room is certainly worthy for the transaction of matters Masonic.

Thursday next, St. John's night, will be most properly observed by local Masons. On this evening the Grand Master (Chas. E. Tisdall of Vancouver) will attend to install officers for the coming year. He will be accompanied by other Grand Lodge officers, and officers of neighboring lodges will also be present. In Masonic circles the attendance of Grand Lodge representatives at the Abbotsford A. F. & A. M. installation is considered a signal honor, official recognition of the local organization to be what has heretofore been claimed—the most progressive country lodge in British Columbia.

Poplar

The regular monthly meeting of the Clearbrook W.I. was held in the Poplar hall December 6th with a good attendance. After the business Mrs. Wilson gave her report of the Convention held in Vancouver. Owing to illness in the family Mrs. Heywood was not present to give her report, which will be given at the January meeting. Mrs. Cottman gave a short talk on California which was much enjoyed. A very pleasing feature of the meeting was a presentation to Mrs. J. Wilson of a tray as an appreciation of her service to the Institute. A letter was read to the ladies from the Poplar Community Ass'n granting them a life membership to the association and free use of the hall as an appreciation of the work the women of the institute has done for the hall in paying of the debt, this is to be framed and hung in the hall. Mrs. Cottman and Mrs. C. Norris acted as hostess assisted by Mrs. Laxton, sr and Mrs. Laxton jr. and served a very dainty lunch.

The singing of Xmas carols will be the special feature of the Sunday service at the hall on Sunday next conducted by Mrs. Morley. The service will commence at 2.30 p.m. and a hearty invitation is extended to all.

Mr. Heywood is spending a few weeks with his brother Mr. O. Heywood.

The Poplar school concert and social will be held on Saturday night December 9th. Much work has been put on the program by the teachers and we all expect a real treat.

Mr. Sid Smith has purchased a small building from Fred Erickson and has moved it over on his home-stand.

Mrs. J. Dunlop is confined to her bed with an attack of measles.

Mr. A. Heywood is also on the sick list.

The Sunday school concert held in the hall Friday night was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Although it rained very hard quite a large number from Abbotsford were present, and assisted with the program. The net proceeds amounted to \$9.25 which goes to pay off the debt on the piano.

A Merry Christmas

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A MATTER OF CONCERN TO ABBOTSFORD

Dyking assessments to cover \$2,800,000 expended by the Provincial governments for the Sumas lake reclamation are to be positively levied in full against land owners, says Mr. Barrow. While the sweeping prediction of the land owners that these charges will ruin them cannot be taken as generally applicable, yet a considerable number of those now making a brave struggle to survive will undoubtedly find the proposed assessments unbearable. Quite reasonable is the statement of Mr. Barrow that the government cannot concern itself with individual farmers who paid an inflated price for land. And, notwithstanding the sympathy or business considerations of people in this district which might actuate them to interfere on behalf of these farmers, such action would not be justified were the land owners charged a sum they definitely understood would be charged when the work was authorized. But they were not. Without political prejudice, it must be said that the government is responsible in this matter, and that the farmers have a just claim for more sympathetic consideration. Supporters of the government policy suggest that lands relinquished by those unable to stand the costs will be quickly snapped up by financially well equipped prairie farmers seeking locations of climatic desirability. But with recollections of other government colonization projects, most of us would prefer the present more or less seasoned and established farmers to stay.

At the present juncture progress is at a standstill on the "prairie." The farmers say they cannot get credit or encouragement to increase their cultivated acreage, and are uncertain of the future themselves. This is a matter directly affecting every resident of the district and particularly the local business element.

A Merry Christmas To All

I take this opportunity of thanking the people of Abbotsford and district for their kind patronage during the past year, also for their goodwill extended to me and my family during the 17 years that I have been established in Abbotsford.

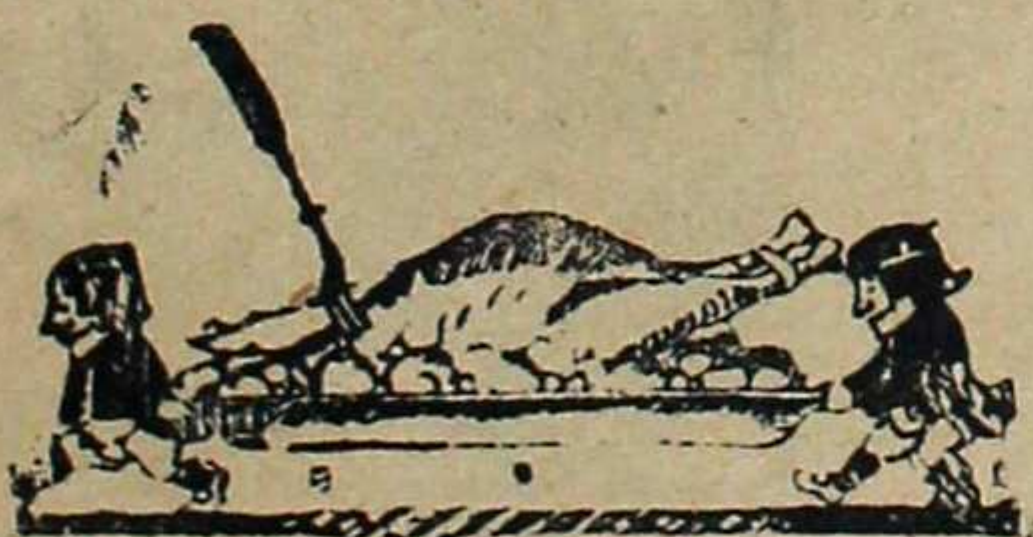
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As it happened, we did not hear of another suitable cow at the time, so I put the remainder of Cousin Margaret's gift in the bank. I have omitted to say that as soon as it was decided that we should go to Herrington's Hope she wrote me a long letter, full of good advice, and enclosed a cheque for the proceeds of the sale of two young cows, "which I should have given to the children if you had been coming near us."

Both Cousin Margaret and Mr. Campbell were very much interested in our venture and though Murray was somewhat backward about accepting so large a gift I convinced him that it was not a case for false pride. The Campbells were in more than comfortable circumstances, and they were very fond of the twins.

With Carrie established in one end of the stables and twelve hens rapidly becoming acclimatized in the other we began to feel that we were real farmers. If Carrie had not been a perfect lady she would doubtless have expressed her opinion of amateurs in the only manner at her disposal. But she never once kicked the pail over, nor put her foot into it, and it was not long until Murray and I could both milk her properly. And nothing ever tasted quite so good as the cream that came off the top of the tall old-fashioned milk cans, unless perhaps the butter and the buttermilk.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Teddy went back to the city for the 1st of September, and then we began to learn what isolation really meant. So long as he had been with us the picnic spirit had been more or less evident in all that we did. But with his going I felt that no matter what the future might hold, it could bring, to me at least, no time of more severe testing.

The neighbors were busy with the harvest, and day after day passed without our seeing a living soul. At

times the silence pressed on me like a physical burden, and at night I seemed actually to feel the thick darkness that I afterwards learned to love. Like poor old Sir John Babbling of green fields I longed for Portage Avenue on a Saturday night, for the dome of the Capitol outlined against the sky, for the never-failing surprise of the twin towers of the Cathedral as one sees them through the buildings and tracks and bridges of the wholesale district, for the changing faces of the crowd, even for the noise of street cars and automobiles.

I do not mean that I was constantly unhappy, nor do I think that even Murray realized what the tearing up of all my roots meant to me. My homesickness was of the subtle sort that wakes with one in the morning, that can be kept silent by work and play during the hours of daylight, but that raises its fearful head whenever one is alone or quiet and is always to be found on one's pillow at night.

Even with the making of cranberry jelly and the preserving of wild plums added to my housework there was not enough to keep me safely busy indoors, and so our very occasional caller was likely to find the whole Aylwin family in one place, that place being wherever Murray's work happened to take him.

Jim Cameron, I think, was rather shocked the day he found me helping to unload and pile our winter firewood. Personally, I found it rather an amusing task, and I could never understand why I should not help Murray whenever I could, especially as at that time I was actually more fit than he. Of course I did it all in as "womanly" a manner as possible—wore gloves and a wide hat whenever I thought of them. I had vowed a solemn vow that nothing on earth should make me careless about my appearance or about the niceties of life, and that my tomboy childhood and tennis playing and snowshoeing girlhood had made it possible for me to do what might be considered a man's work seemed no sufficient reason for neglecting my hands or my complexion or my clothes. At first Murray hated the thought of my doing outdoor work, but the children and I made a game of it and I quoted WAACS and munition workers until he had to give in. As he grew stronger the need for my assistance passed and I became a lady once more. But that I was able to help him when he needed help justified every bump and bruise and torn dress of my childhood. I should have been ungrateful indeed had I not admitted the feeling of deep content that gradually blunted the sharp edge of my homesickness.

For it was soon evident that our experiment, which had sometimes seemed so wild a venture, was already proving itself a success in its most important aspect. Murray, except when he fussed about his wife's having to do something that he thought was too hard or too unpleasant for her, was to all appearances perfectly happy.

When Dr. Sutherland first advised our leaving the city I had asked Murray if he did not fear the loneliness of country life.

"Not for myself," he answered without hesitation. "If you can stand it I can. You see, Margaret Anne, when a fellow has been under someone's eye day and night for years, as I have been, the prospect of being absolutely free, with no one near but the family, is pretty near Heaven. And I've had noise enough to last me all my life, thank you."

Murray so seldom spoke of his experiences as a prisoner that I had not realized before how deeply the feeling that he was being watched had bitten into his consciousness. I wondered if perhaps isolation would be bad rather than good for him, but the doctor was so sure that could his physical condition be improved his nerves would cure themselves, and Murray so eager to follow the doctor's advice, that I did not mention the matter again.

It was soon proved that I had worried unnecessarily. I do not mean that Murray miraculously became again the man he had been, and perhaps he will never lose the scars that are not mentioned in his discharge papers. But I could see that he was gradually growing stronger, and that the stillness and the loneliness, to which I found it hard to adjust myself, were just what his weakened body and tortured nerves required. Though he never acquired an appetite to match Jim Cameron's he soon began to gain in weight. And almost from the first he slept better than he had since his return; even when he had worked too hard his weariness seemed to be of a wholesome bodily sort, and he would wake in the morning with a tiny reserve of energy, instead of under the shadow of a dream.

The children, too, were happy as a rule. They had always been accustomed to play together and Herrington's Hope afforded many opportunities for new and fascinating pursuits.

Once in a while Nicolas gave evidence of missing her old environment. I remember very plainly one rainy night when, long after the children had gone to bed, I heard a muffled cry of "Mother," and going into their room I found Rupert sound asleep but Nicolas crying quietly to herself in the darkness.

"I w-w-want to go to my own house," she sobbed. "It's so d-d-dark here and the trees come too close and I d-d-don't like lamps and w-w-water pails."

"But you have Daddy and Mother and Rupert and Carrie and Star and Stockings and the chickens," I reminded her as I picked her up and dried her wet little face. "You must be a brave girl and help Mother to take care of everything, for the farm is going to make Daddy better, so that he'll not have to go to the hospital again."

"He c-c-couldn't, 'cause there isn't any hospital," was the somewhat choked reply, "there's just t-t-trees and trees and no people."

"But you like trees," I said, "if there were no trees where would the birds and the squirrels live?"

It was an unfortunate argument. "The poor little b-b-birdies will get all wet and drowned!" wailed Nicolas. "I don't like the rain, Mother, I w-w-want to go back to my own house!"

The sun was shining in the morning and Nicolas was her usual happy self again as daylight brought anew to her mind the superiority of horses and chickens over electric light, nor did she ever again give way to her feelings with such violence.

Perhaps I talked to Nicolas too much in those first days, but she was so wise and old-fashioned in many ways that I thought it best to take her into my confidence. So I told her how necessary it was for us to stay on the farm, and her adoration of her Daddy drove the lesson home.

"But I don't like the trees when they make the wind blow," she insisted after we had discussed every other point, "they go 'oo-oo-oo' like a wolf, and maybe if a wolf did come we would not hear him."

"And there are no wolves here, darling," I said, after I had explained that it was the blowing of the wind that made the trees toss and not the tossing of the trees that made the wind blow.

"But Rupert says there are," was the surprising reply. "He says there are wolves like Red Riding Hood's in those big Christmas trees across the creek. Can wolves swim, Mother?"

I am not aggressively modern as a rule, but I should like to proscribe several of the old-fashioned nursery tales that make so deep an impression on the sensitive mind of a child. Both the twins had insatiable appetites for stories, and from other children, and from the woman who used to keep them when I went out, they had heard some that I should never have told them. I had thought that a much abridged rendering of "Mooswa" and the "Jungle Book" had displaced Red Riding Hood, but it was now evident that the earlier impression was still strong.

I did my best to convince Nicolas of the improbability of there being wolves in the bush across the creek, and of their harmless habits even if

there should be an occasional one. But it was Jim Cameron who really set her mind at rest. Belief in her mother's infallibility was strong in Nicolas, but she had the truly feminine faith in a man's superior knowledge. And so when "Mr. Jim Cameron" told her that he had never seen a wolf on her Daddy's farm she was satisfied, and as eager as the rest of us to explore the corner of the homestead that lay across the creek. We would have to wait until the early winter brought ice strong enough to carry us, for, though narrow, the creek was fairly deep and I, with the prairie-born dread of water, did not take kindly to the thought of a raft or a felled tree. When winter came, Murray promised us, we would build a foot-bridge.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

As I have said, we saw little of our neighbors for the first month. The Cameron brothers were the exception, and they were a host in themselves. Bob proved to be older, quieter and not so red-haired as Jim, but he was equally friendly and equally appreciative of my cooking. He had been overseas with the 10th Battalion, and he and Murray quickly reached the "do you remember" stage and soon became rather more than mere acquaintances.

Bob is a fine fellow I'll admit, steady and dependable and thoughtful. But I shall always have a soft spot in my heart for the more exuberant Jim, my first friend. From the beginning he attached himself to me and the twins, and Murray has always laughed at his devotion. But I do not mind being laughed at, the lad's heart is inflammable in reality as his hair is in appearance, but he has one of the most cheerful temperaments I have ever known; and he will do anything for a person he likes. We soon learned that Jim had his serious side too, and when we asked his opinion on anything we thought of doing, he was as matter-of-fact as Bob, and his advice always proved to be worth following.

We were indeed fortunate to have such friends, and I found ways in which to repay a part of their kindness. Since as boys of sixteen and eighteen they had come West they had "bached", and their appreciation of a woman's home-making ability was truly pathetic. They seemed to think that the darning of a three-cornered tear in a Sunday suit, or the gift of a cake or some home-made candy was of much greater importance than their saving us from the mistakes we should have been certain to make had they not helped us.

(To be continued)

World Cruise of British Squadron

Will Visit B.C. Coast in June and Canadian Atlantic Ports in August

The British Admiralty has issued the programme for the forthcoming world cruise in which the battleships Hood and Repulse and a light cruiser division will take part.

The squadron will leave Devonport, November 27, and will proceed sometimes at full strength and sometimes in divisions, around Africa, calling at the principal ports. Thence they will go to Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Australia and Fiji.

The light cruisers will arrive at Esquimalt on June 21, and will stay there 12 days, while the battle cruisers will put in an identical period at Vancouver and Victoria.

The entire squadron will then go to San Francisco, after which the light cruisers will steam around South America, calling at the chief seaports.

In the meantime the battle cruisers will pass through the Panama Canal and after a visit to Jamaica, will arrive at Halifax on August 5, remaining there 10 days. A 14 days' stay will be made at Quebec beginning August 18, and Nova Scotia or Newfoundland will be visited from September 4 to 17. The battle cruisers will afterwards rejoin the light cruiser division, and the squadron will make home ports on September 28.

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The Approaching End Of Single Crop Farming Is A Hopeful Sign In The West

The elimination of the "land miner" in the west is cited by a prominent banker as one of the brightest signs of the times. The man who mines his land instead of farming it is being replaced by the real farmer. As time goes on this process of elimination will bear fruit in sustained productivity of the soil and a prosperous and more contented rural population.

"Clean-ups" are still being made in wheat. A recent report from Alberta states that with low-priced farm lands and heavy yields of grain in that province this year, some farmers have been able to "accomplish wonders" in the way of financing their farms. As an instance: Certain parties acquired a farm near Consort in the fall of 1921, which they prepared for crop last year and sowed this year to wheat. The crop which they have just taken off has paid for itself and for the land in addition.

Such instances are unusual. Alberta had an exceptionally heavy wheat yield this season. She cannot depend upon having such yields year in and year out—and neither can Saskatchewan nor Manitoba. Consequently there is nothing in the experience of the few farmers in the west who have done "wonders" with wheat this year to disprove the contention that in the long run straight wheat growing or one-crop farming of any sort is bound to be as bad for the farmer's bank book as it is for his soil. One-crop farming is "land-mining"; and "land-mining" means taking everything out of the soil and putting nothing back.

This sort of "farming" is nothing more or less than straight gambling. The only certain thing about it is that in the end it wears out the soil, which is the farmer's principal capital; cuts down production, and eventually leaves the farmer poor. Where one farmer pays for his land with a single wheat crop these days, a dozen farmers can't pay their taxes out of wheat. The longer men live and farm in this part of the country the more they have it impressed upon them that it is more profitable in the end to make a little money each year than to take a gambler's chance of making a "pile" every fourth or fifth year and having to

spend it all during the intervening lean years. An increasing number of them are consequently going in for dairying and diversified farming. They are listening to the advice of men who have made a study of farming the world over. They are also learning from the experience of older settled districts on the great plain of America, which were cursed with the land miner in their early days and have been forced in recent years to revert to balanced farming.

This is indeed one of the hopeful signs in the west today. The bank and the loan company are frequently looked upon by the farmer as his natural enemies. They are not only not his enemies; but in many ways they are among his most useful friends if he would but recognize the fact. Within the last few months there have been indications that in the future those who have money to loan to farmers will view with greater favor the applications of diversified, dirt farmers than those of land miners and one-crop gamblers. This attitude of the banks and loan companies, if persisted in, as it will undoubtedly be, will have the effect of benefitting both themselves and the farmers. The loans will be better secured; and the farmers will be protected against the inevitable consequences of gambling with nature. The country will benefit all around.

Some farmers will perhaps look upon the stand which has been indicated as a disagreeable form of benevolence. The wiser ones will accept it in the spirit in which it is intended. Wheat will probably remain for many years the principal crop in this province; but straight wheat farming is doomed. As the foundation for a system of intelligently balanced farming, wheat is a very valuable crop. As a whole system in itself, wheat is as risky as any other crop.—Regina Leader.

Alberta's Municipal Hospitals

Success of System is Unique on American Continent

Significant comment on the success of the serviceability of the municipal hospitals system of Alberta, which is unique on the American continent, is contained in the October number of the "Modern Hospital," the organ of the American Hospital Association.

The comment is in the shape of an editorial note on an article written by Arthur K. Whiston, supervisor of hospital organization in Alberta. The article is based on an address delivered by Mr. Whiston at the annual session of the Alberta Hospital Association. The article is printed in full, with the following note by the editor:

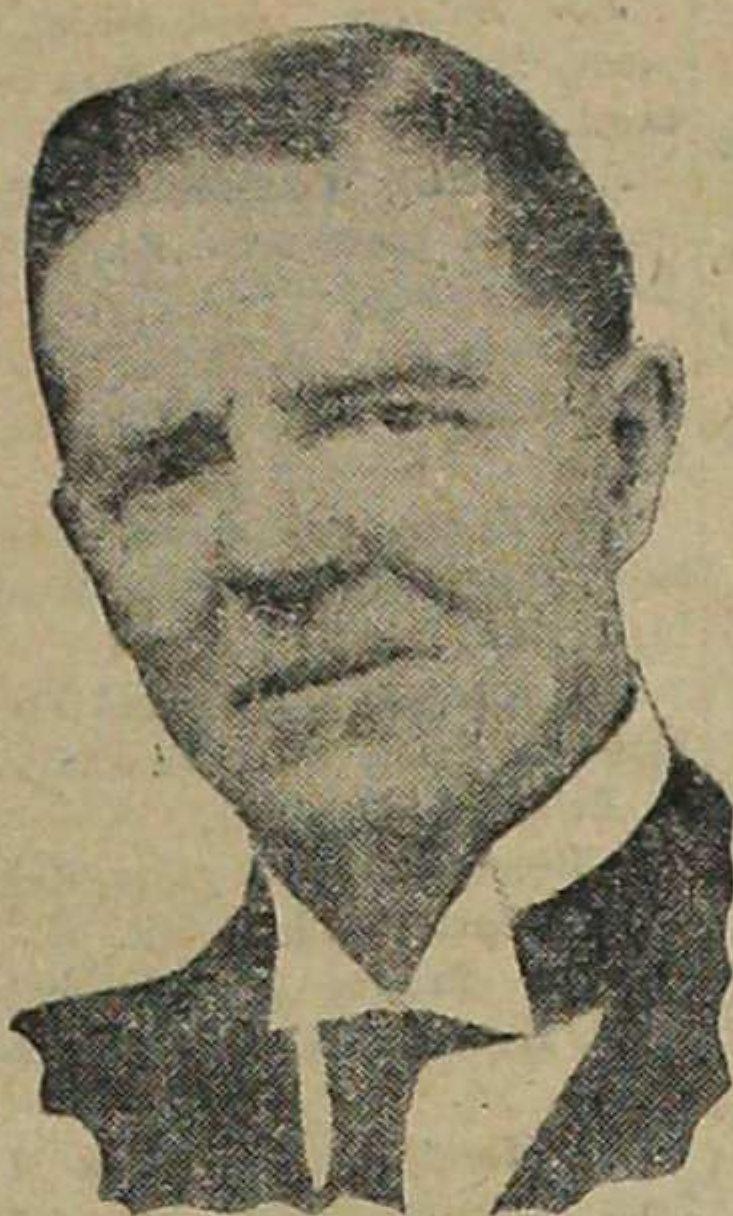
"The public demands upon the municipal hospital are becoming more each year. The hospital as a semi-private institution where those who can afford its care in time of sickness has gone forever. Today, we are trying to make the hospital an institution open to everyone who needs the facilities it offers. The municipal hospital as a public utility presents a peculiar problem in that it may not become a burden. The municipal hospitals of Alberta have adjusted themselves to this difficulty through a plan by which the well pay for the hospital service of the sick through a tax for that purpose. This, together with the one dollar a day rate charged patients, finances the hospital. In this way the burden of maintaining the hospital is equally distributed among taxpayers.

Interest In Annuities

Increasing interest throughout Canada in the Dominion Government annuities is indicated by a large increase in applications for this form of investment made during the last six months to the Dominion annuities branch of the Department of Labor. During the first six months of the present fiscal year, which starts on April 1, the amount of money invested has been over \$567,000, which is an increase of \$125,000 over the value of the annuities issued in the same period last year.

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WESTERN EDITORS



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Settlers From U.S.

Number Decreased During Year But More Money Brought In

Settlers to enter Canada from the United States in the western immigration division during October numbered 608, showing a decrease of 155 under the total for the same month of 1922, it was announced at offices of the Dominion Immigration Department. Though the number of new comers was smaller than in 1922, wealth brought into the country by the settlers exceeded that brought in last season. This year's figure was \$170,931 compared with \$140,269 last year, while the value of settlers' effects was placed at \$43,111 compared with \$67,949. North Portal proved the most popular port of entry for the month, it was learned, for 161 entrants were reported from there. Second came Emerson with 134.

Sentenced to Death No Appeal Possible

The death warrant is passed out every time a corn is treated with Putnam's Corn Extractor. It means the end of the corn. Putnam's lifts out corns, root and branch, and never fails. Refuse any substitute for Putnam's. 25c everywhere.

Blotting Paper From Wood Pulp

New Departure in the Manufacture of Blotting Paper

As a result of investigations recently carried out by the Forest Products Laboratories of the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior, Canada, in their experimental paper mill, blotting paper with excellent absorptive qualities has been produced entirely from wood pulp. This is an entire departure in the manufacture of blotting paper, the best grades hitherto being made from rag pulp. An interesting feature of the new product is that it contains a large proportion of pulp made from a wood which, although plentiful, has found little employment in the pulp industry in Canada.

Selecting The Best Varieties Of Wheat For Growing In The Prairie Provinces

The selection of the best varieties of wheat for growing in the Canadian west may be considered one of the most important questions with which the agriculturist has to deal. In years gone by Red Fife wheat was considered to be the best wheat for western conditions, when the wheat growing area was small. This old Red Fife was only suitable for southern districts in the prairie provinces, where it is still grown to a certain extent, and to districts where earliness was not an important factor. It was soon found, however, in the development of the Canadian west, that an early variety was necessary. The Experimental Farms ever since their inception have endeavored to introduce early, high-yielding varieties of good milling quality.

The most noteworthy introduction of the Dominion Experimental Farms, as far as wheat is concerned, is the variety Marquis which has become world famous in a very short time. In the year 1892, numerous crosses were made of our Canadian wheats from India and Russia, with the result that Marquis wheat was originated from one of these crosses, but it was not until 1903 that a pure line selection was obtained. From then on, Marquis has gradually gained the ascendancy over all other wheats in the west, until today about 80 per cent. of the wheat grown in Canada is Marquis. It is also worthy of note that 16 per cent. of the wheat grown in the United States of America is Marquis. One other wheat has in that country a higher percentage than Marquis and that is Turkey, a winter wheat that is grown in the majority of the states. Of the spring wheats, however, Marquis is the first in popularity and leads all spring wheats by about 8 per cent. of the total wheat area of the states. In 1919 some twelve million acres of Marquis wheat were grown in the United States.

The Experimental Farms, always keeping in mind their objective of an early, high-yielding wheat of good milling qualities, have been able to introduce other wheats of less commercial value but still of utmost importance for certain districts. Among these, other wheats should be noted Ruby, Prelude and Huron. Ruby wheat is a wheat which ripens about 8 to 10 days earlier than Marquis and is therefore suitable in districts where Marquis is not a sure crop. The Prelude wheat is an extremely early wheat, suitable only for districts where the season is very short. Prelude will ripen about 14 days earlier than Marquis, or 4 to 8 days earlier than Ruby.

The above wheats are most adapted to western conditions, but it has been found that they give excellent results under Eastern Canadian conditions, especially if grown on somewhat heavier soils. The Cereal Division, when considering its wheat work, has always kept in mind the requirements of the east as well as the west, with the result that Huron wheat was introduced for use in Eastern Canada on the lighter soils. Huron is a bearded wheat which gives good results on the sandy soils that are so frequently met with in Eastern Canada.

The introduction of the above wheats has financially meant a great deal to Canada. It has been computed by various persons that Marquis wheat alone has added to the wealth of Canada some \$20,000,000 per annum.

Apart from the financial aspect, the fact that 80 per cent. of the wheat produced in Canada is Marquis is in itself a sufficient assurance that Marquis has been of great benefit to the Dominion.

Canadian Apples Winners

Four First Prizes Go to B.C. at Imperial Fruit Show

At the Imperial Fruit Show held recently in Manchester, England, four first prizes were awarded to British Columbia apple growers and two to Nova Scotia growers.

In the British Empire section, the first place for "any dessert variety" went to the Associated Growers of British Columbia. In the same section for any cooking variety, the first three prizes went to English exhibitors, while the fourth position went to the Associated Growers of British Columbia.

Three special prizes were won by the Associated Growers of British Columbia. The Associated Growers secured the Daily Overseas Mail gold cup (£50) for the exhibition in the overseas section; the Goodwins, Limited, silver cup (£15) for the best entry by any British Columbia co-operative organization; and the Poupert, Limited, prize of £10 in gold for the best British Columbia exhibit in the overseas section.

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Even constipated, bilious, feverish, or sick, colic babies and children love to take genuine "California Fig Syrup." No other laxative regulates the tender little bowels so nicely. It sweetens the stomach and starts the liver and bowels acting without griping. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Say "California" to your druggist and avoid counterfeits! Insist upon genuine "California Fig Syrup" which contains directions.



Ship In Record Clearance

Leviathan Leaves Southampton Only Twenty-Six Hours After Docking

The Leviathan, which arrived at Southampton at 10 o'clock on a Saturday morning, sailed for New York at noon Sunday. This is the most expeditious handling of a liner ever achieved there.

For twenty-four hours 1,500 men and women worked continuously to get her ready for sea, and when the last ton of freight was shipped there were two hours to spare. A few hours after the Leviathan reached port two laundries washed and ironed 43,000 pieces of linen. The rush was made so 1,140 emigrants on board might be included in the November quota.

Girls! A Gleamy Mass Of Beautiful Hair

35-Cent "Danderine" So Improves Lifeless, Neglected Hair

An abundance of luxuriant hair full of gloss, gleams and life shortly follows a genuine toning up of neglected scalps with dependable "Danderine."

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Misunderstood

The teacher had been giving a very full account of the reindeer, its habits and uses. One little urchin was, however, not paying the slightest attention, so the teacher asked him—

"Now, what is the use of the reindeer?"

The startled urchin looked up and said: "It makes everything in the garden lovely, teacher."

Healthy Liver Healthy Life

Your liver—healthy or clogged, active or sluggish—makes all the difference between a vigorous, cheerful life and low spirits and failure. To subdue a stubborn liver, overcome constipation, dizziness, biliousness, indigestion, headache and the blues there is nothing on earth so good as Carter's Little Liver Pills. Purely vegetable.

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Abbotsford Businessmen Substantially Established; Come And Get Acquainted

Practically every line of business represented in Abbotsford is well established, some men having "hung the shingle" hereabouts before this place could be called a town. We print hereunder names of those represented in our columns, with the places of birth and locations previous to coming to Abbotsford.

These details enable us to know each other better and might renew some old acquaintances this Christmastide.

R. DesMazes, general merchant, established here 4 years, came from West Bridge, B.C., born near Toulouse France.

J.K. McMenemy, blacksmith, 15 years here, formerly of Bruce Co., Ont. born in Simcoe, Ont.

Thos. Coogan, tailor, 18 years here, born in Quebec, P.Q.

U.J. Weatherbee, hardware merchant, 3 years here, formerly of Nova Scotia, born in King's County, N.S.

W. J. Gray, grocer, 5 years here, from Vancouver, born Renfrew, Ont.

S. F. White, butcher, came from Blaine 4 years ago, born near Ottawa.

J. K. Fraser, in business 2 years, an Abbotsford-born boy.

D.J. Moore, shoemaker, a few months ago from Hatzic, B.C., born in Cobourg, Ont.

Mrs. Insley restaurant, came here a few months ago from Langley Prairie, B.C., born in St. Heliers, Jersey, Channel Islands.

D. Hillhouse, merchant, here seven months from Alberta, born in Scotland.

Thos. Williams, here many years, from India, born in Wales.

A. M. King, butcher, 15 years from Essex, England, where he was born.

Chas. Sumner, butcher, here 17 years from London, England, where he was born.

A. Lee, grocer and baker, here 13 years, from Portage la Prairie, Man. born in Birmingham, England.

H. P. Knoll, hardware merchant, 5 years here, from Alberta, born in Illinois.

A. McCallum, here 15 years, from Taunton, Mass, born Truro, Nova Scotia.

Claude Weir, automobile dealer, 4 years in Abbotsford, from Ashcroft, born Trenton, Ont.

A. Eyres, tire vulcanizer, 2 years here, from Chilliwack, born Toronto, Ont.

M.M. Shore, movie operator, here 7 years, from Ashcroft, born in Ontario.

A.H. Harrop, Imperial Oil and Massey Harris representative, here 14 years, from Shrewsbury, England place of birth.

Dr. Quinn, dentist, here 2 years, from Vancouver, born in England.

W.A. Wattie, grocer, here three months from Smithers, B.C. born in Scotland.

F.J.R. (Capt.) Whitechelo, general merchant, 5 years in Abbotsford, from Brandon, Man. born in Ontario.

W. (Capt.) Benning-Day, expert poulterer, here 6 months, from India, born England.

C.A. Haddrell, hotel keeper, here 6 years from Spy Hill, Sask, born in

England.

E.A. Hunt, barber and billiard keeper, 5 years here, from Broadview, Sask, born Dutton, Ont.

J.J. Sparrow, feed dealer, here 15 years, from Vancouver, born near Ottawa.

J. Cottrill, transfer and fuel dealer, here 4 years from Knight's Inlet, B.C. born Ohio.

G.H. Heller, printer, here 1 year from Vancouver, born Cornwall, England.

J.E. Parton painter and contractor here 17 years from Sumas, Wash, born in England.

A.R. Gosling, painter and contractor here 12 years, from Vancouver, born at Brighton, England.

F. Beecroft, here 8 years, from Vancouver, born London, Ont.

Frank Brown, garageman, here 10 years, from Vancouver, born Brandon, Man.

Mrs. Moret, laundress, here 14 years, from Edmonton, Alta, born in Alsace Lorraine, France.

E. Webster, B. C. Electric representative, here 6 years, from Vancouver born in Kent, England.

H. Hurum, general merchant, came to Matsqui about 4 years ago from Edmonton, born at Honefos, Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munroe pioneers of this district, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Parton. They expect to return here from Saskatchewan next year and reside permanently.

LOST

Small brown leather purse containing papers of value only to owner. Will finder please return to News office. Reward.



One of Abbotsford's garages

STOP! LOOK!

If you go to the city this Christmas to do your shopping Please Be Discriminating as to price and quality. Never before in the history of Abbotsford has there been such a splendid stock in your home town to select from. One of our merchants with a big stock of Christmas goods makes definite statements that his goods are priced lower dollar-for-dollar and same quality as goods on display in the cities. In any case give the home town merchant first consideration for your own sake. All the stores will be open this afternoon and at nights until Christmas eve.

Jackie Coogan comes to the Matsqui hall on Friday, December 28th in "Trouble." And at the Abbotsford Theatre on Saturday December 29. In addition to the two evening performances there will be a special show on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Abbotsford Theatre on December 29.

On New Year's Day, Wesley Barry will be seen in "Penrod" and in the Matsqui hall on Thursday, January 13.

Walter Grohnert expects to arrive in town with his new auto stage on Monday next. It is "a real job" standard stage body, seating 17 passengers, painted battleship grey, all weatherproofed and safety proofed. It will run on a "Caddillac 8," rigidly extended chassis and power equipment and every innovation built-in to ensure comfortable riding qualities.

An interesting wedding was solemnized at Hatzic this week when Miss Jones, who was formerly a school teacher at Clayburn wedded Mr. Kirkpatrick. Both young people are popularly known locally.

NOTICE

An important meeting of the Sumas Land Owners' association will be held in the Municipal hall, Whatcom road, Saturday Dec. 22nd at 2 p.m.

Business: To obtain signatures of all interested land owners to petition outlining our stand re capital change. Oliver Blatchford, Sec. Treas.

Gross cash receipts from the M. S. A. bazaar total \$833.79. Expenditures amount to \$134.65 leaving a balance of \$699.14. The sum of \$20 is yet to be turned over to the committee which is not included in above totals. A cash donation of \$10 was received from Mr. Gillies and \$22.50 from the Huntingdon W. I.

R. J. Shortreed reports a midnight prowler around his domicile on Thursday night last. The would-be intruder boldly gazed through the window for some time probably in contemplation of entry, and then disappeared.

Six orders for Xmas cards which were placed with an Eastern concern with Mr. Griffin have just arrived. We accept no blame for the delay of these orders as we are merely accommodating the salesman in receiving them.

Miss Grace Kennedy, who has been distressed with an internal goitre, was successfully operated upon last week in the Vancouver General hospital. An excision of a section of Miss Kennedy's thyroid gland was effected by application of but local anaesthesia, a unique accomplishment in surgery.

Mr. F. McCrimmon is visiting his sister Mrs. McDonald of New Westminster.

Miss Marjorie Hughes is spending a few days in Vancouver.

Mr. Baker has completed the brick chimney on the hall.

Dr. Quinn has been unwell for the past few days and is confined to bed.

Mr. E. A. Hunt will receive and forward watch and jewelry repairs for A. Wood, watchmaker and jeweler; 985 Granville St. Vancouver. (adv't).

CANTATA WELL RENDERED

Considering the handicap of a small stage, the cantata given in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday was exceptionally well presented, chorus of 70 singers rendering splendidly balanced sacred selections under the conductorship of Mrs. Bedlow. The girls and children's choruses pleasingly did their part in the programme, and greatly augmented the mass chorus. The cast of characters was: "Mary" Miss Vera Hunt; "Joseph," Rev. A.H. Priest, "The Dreamer" Phyllis Whitechelo. The parts of "Ruth," "The Shepherds" and other characters being taken by Misses Daisy Stady, Kate Parton, Freda Nelson, Muriel McCallum, Verna Stinson, Mrs. Parton, Messrs. Wm. Roberts, Snashall, Lloyd Vanetta, Harold McMenemy, H. Taylor, and A. Eyres. Rev. Mr. Robertson participated as the reader.

Personnel of choruses was as follows: tenors—Messrs. Barrett, McCallum, Baker, Atkins and Thorn. Bass—Messrs. Farrow and West. Sopranos—Mesdames Horn, McInnis, Coutts, Wright, Hutchison, Whitechelo, Groat, Upham, Vanetta, C. S. Wright and Hunt. Misses Thelma Taylor, Mutrie and A. McCallum. Altos—Mesdames Ware, Gray, Fraser, Misses Walters and Evans.

Young ladies chorus: Eva Ware, Mary McPhee, Elda McPhee, Vera Bailey, Florence Roberts, Hazel and Kathleen Vanetta, Doris and Clara Walters.

Children's chorus: Isabell McInnis, Constance Reith, Leah Deering Sadie Groat, L. Rukas, M. Rukas, J. Rukas, Muriel Wright, Lillian Coutts, Vera Bedlow, Bernice Dunham, Evelyn Johnstone, and Glenis Walters.

Angels: Flossie Hunt, Grace Hutchison, Mina Bailey and Willena McPhee.

Solos were expressively sung by Mrs. Horn and Mr. Thornthwaite and a cornet solo rendered by C. S. Wright. Miss Evelyn McMenemy was organist Mrs. Barrett accompanied with the violin.

A Christmas song service will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening when favorite Christmas carols will be sung by the congregation. A special feature will be the singing of choruses by the young people who sang in the Cantata, they will sing at both morning and evening services. The choir, assisted by other vocalists will also give a fine program at both services.

CLAYBURN MAN DIES

Word was received this morning that Mr. Trowsdale of Clayburn had succumbed to pneumonia.

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SPECIAL OFFER

Subscribers renewing their subscription to the News before December 31 will be allowed 25 cents discount.

As soon after the new year as possible, with the permission of those men concerned, the News will run each week a short story of the business experiences of local business men. We are sure the stories will be interesting, and also keep up the 'get-acquainted' idea so conducive to better business and social intercourse.



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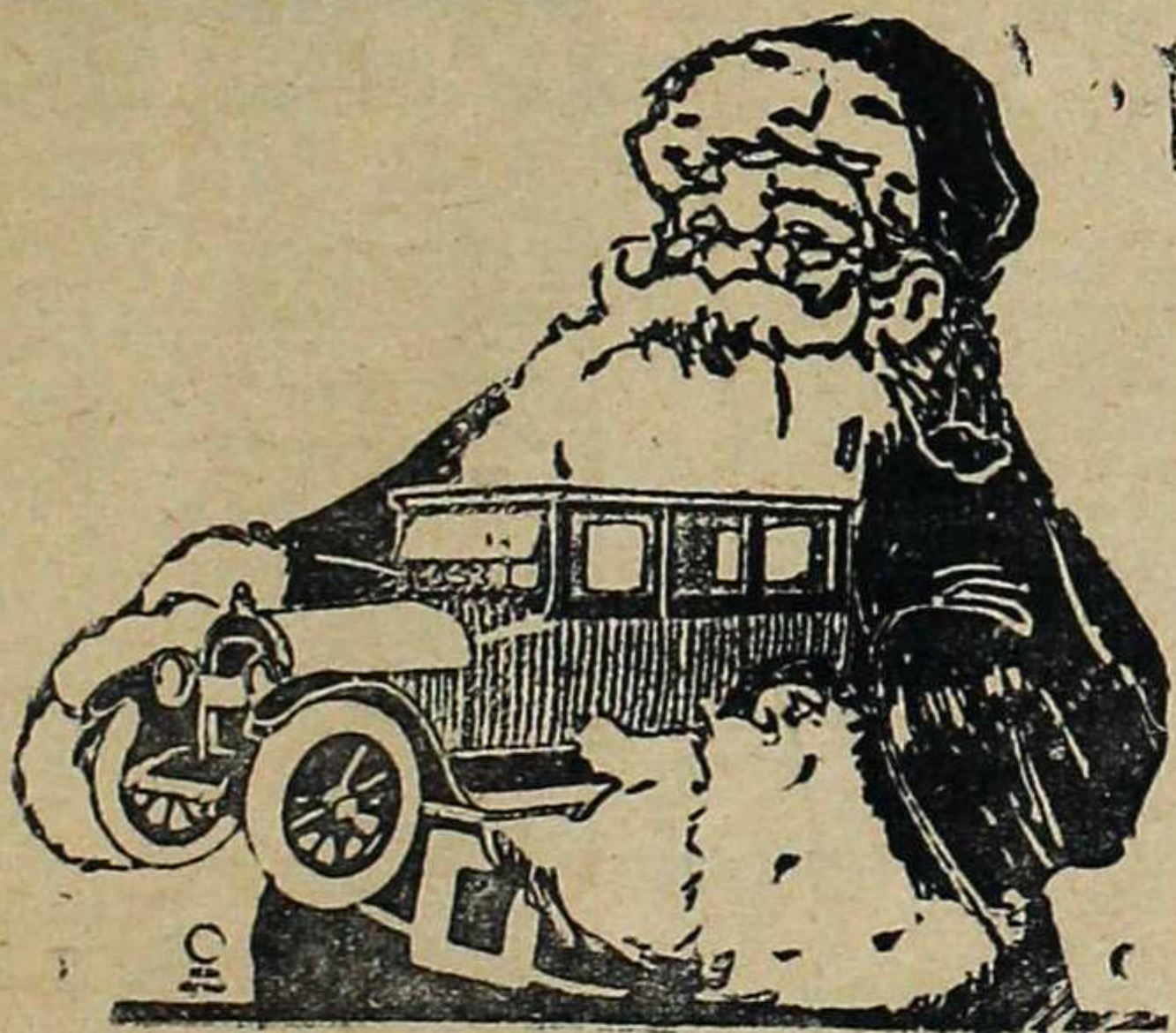
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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons claiming to be members of or interested in the above Institute are requested to attend a meeting which will be held on Saturday evening, Dec.

29, 1923 at 8 o'clock at the Ridgedale Hall, and bring with them such evidence as they may possess of their membership in the above society.

Dated this 11th day of December 1923.

B. M. BEHARRELL
Acting Secretary

Anglican Church Represented In Abbotsford Over Quarter Century

In a community and district so young that it still numbers among its inhabitants many who are looked upon as pioneers, a quarter of a century seems a long stretch of time and any building or institution twenty-five years old may be said to have a history. Among the institutions in Abbotsford claiming this distinction must be numbered St. Matthew's church. Although Church of England services had been held in this part of the Fraser Valley for many years before 1900 by clergy coming from Mission or Chilliwack it was not until that year that the present church building was erected and opened for worship, largely through the instrumentality of the late James M. Milsted and Prof. Hill-Tout. The late Archdeacon Pentreath, who labored so long and zealously for the cause of God in British Columbia came monthly to hold services and associated with him were the Rev. Messrs. W. E. Wright, C. J. Brenton, J. W. Weatherdan, D.D. Moore, The Rev. A. E. Davis was the first resident vicar of Abbotsford commencing his ministry in 1908 and the entries in the parish record show that George Clark Chamberlin was the first child baptised, Albert Henry Barker the first person confirmed. Edgar Marcy and George Tucker the first couple married and Mrs. Sarah Merryfield the first recorded burial. Various incidents in the records of the church, as for instance that in the winter of 1911 there was an outbreak of small-pox in the town necessitating the suspending of any public gatherings and that on occasion the plague of mosquitoes has been so bad that no services could be held, a reason for non-attendance at church which fortunately is no longer valid in these more civilised days. The church has grown with the growth of the community and additions and improvements both within and without the edifice have been made from time to time. The oldest article in the church is the font which was sent out from England in the early '60's the gift of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts for use in the old Fort Douglass church. It was later taken to St. Thomas' church, Chilliwack and thence brought to Abbotsford.

In 1912 the present vicarage was completed and subsequently paid for largely through the effort of the Women's Auxiliary, an organization in the parish that has always done worthy service.

More than \$170,000,000 came to Canada through tourist traffic during last year, according to an estimate received from Ottawa by Canadian National Railways officials. In addition to the great numbers of tourists brought into Canada by the railways during the regular tourist season, which this year was the heaviest the Canadian National system has known, it is estimated that over 1,000,000 automobiles entered the nine provinces of Canada on business or pleasure during the season. During last year, according to government estimates, tourist traffic, as a revenue producer, took fourth place in Canada's industries.

During the incumbency of the present Vicar, aball 25x40 has been erected beside the church and is fulfilling a most useful purpose in the life of both the community and the church, proving especially serviceable for the boys and girls of Abbotsford. This building which is now nearly free of debt was erected almost entirely by the voluntary labor of the men of the town and district, thirty-five in all giving time for its construction.

The present wardens of the church are Messrs. H. F. Thorn and E. A. Barrett, Mr. F. S. Thorn is choirmaster and Miss S. M. Steede, organist.

The Vicars of the parish have been: Rev. A.E. Davis, 1908-10, Rev. A.E. Bruce, 1911, Rev. C.F. Yates, 1911-15, Rev. J.C. Mitton, 1915-16; Rev. T.E. Rowe, 1916-21, Rev. A.H. Priest, 1921-23.

Whatcom People Use Home-Grown Sugar

Real home-grown sugar is now available to the housewives of Western Washington. Sugar made from beets grown here in the Puget Sound country—on farms in Whatcom, Skagit and Sohomish counties—has just been placed on the market in this vicinity.

For the first time Western Washington grew sugar beets on a commercial scale last summer and now, after the extraction of the sugar content at plants of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company in Eastern Washington they have been returned here in the form of pure, white granulated sugar, in sacks with the mark, "Pacific Northwest Seal of Quality Products" in each sack.

The 1923 growing season was used to demonstrate that the soil and climate of the Puget Sound district are ideal for the raising of sugar beets. So successful was this demonstration that it is expected a beet sugar factory will be erected in Western Washington to handle the beets grown in this district. When farmers of the three northern counties agree to plant 5,000 acres to sugar beets the sugar plant is assured, according to representatives of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company.

It has been found that the beets grown in Whatcom, Skagit and Sohomish counties show a similar content of sugar as those from eastern sections of this state, where the large acreages are planted.

Sugar beets have been found by investigators to be an exceptionally profitable crop for the farmer, of Western Washington, especially in the great dairy sections. In connection with dairy farming beet growing gives the farmer the tops for feeding his cattle and with a sugar plant nearby he also has the valuable beet pulp which is said to be an excellent food for cattle. Fertilizer for growing the beets rapidly and profitably is furnished right on the dairy farm.

Investigators sent from Skagit county to the beet growing sections of Idaho and Utah brought back enthusiastic reports on the prospects for beet growing in Western Washington. Some of these investigators were openly skeptical of the proposition before they made their investigation.

One result of the interest aroused among farmers of Western Washington is the practical assurance that a \$1,000,000 beet sugar factory will be erected, probably in 1924, in this part of the state. Such a plant would give employment directly to 350 to 400 persons in addition to providing a profitable outlet for the crops of the farmers.

The beet sugar produced in this state is declared by experts to be not only purer and just as sweet as cane sugar, but it is handled in a clean, sanitary manner without the danger of contamination existing in tropical climates where cane sugar is produced. —Sumas (Wash) News

Don't forget the shoe doctor at Whitehead's store on Thursday and Friday. (adv.)

Miss M. Bailey of Vancouver recently visited her home here.

J. Downie the blind veteran, has an interesting exhibit of fancy cord work in the window of the Gasley block.

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The Greatest Of All Assets

The award of the Nobel prize this year to Dr. F. G. Banting, of Toronto, the discoverer of the Insulin treatment for diabetes, is a well deserved tribute and recognition of what has been hailed throughout the medical world as the greatest boon conferred on mankind in preventative medicine since the discoveries of Pasteur. And Dr. Banting has conferred additional honor upon himself by immediately donating \$10,000 of his prize money towards the establishment of a Fund for medical research in Canada.

The whole world is at last beginning to take seriously to heart the truth of the old saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Governments the world over, assisted by great voluntary organizations like the anti-Tuberculosis Associations, the Red Cross Society, and kindred bodies, and men of great wealth, are engaged in work of the most energetic kind not only to find scientific means of combatting and preventing disease, but in educating the masses of the people everywhere that by the adoption and adherence to simple health rules most of the sickness and disease, and consequent suffering that now afflicts the human race can be completely banished.

Yellow fever, once the scourge of certain countries, is now practically unknown. It has been isolated into a few small areas and successful efforts are now in progress to stamp it out entirely. It has been established that through the use of toxin anti-toxin people can be made immune from diphtheria. Smallpox, once a common disease which carried off people by the thousands, is now quite rare, and most of the cases which develop of a mild type. It, too, is being wiped out.

Tuberculosis is still a terrible scourge, but it has now been demonstrated that it is not an incurable disease, and if treated in its earlier stages can be successfully overcome. More important still is the arousing of people generally to a knowledge that tuberculosis can be prevented by the adoption of simple rules of living, plain wholesome food, lots of fresh air and sunshine.

In fact, nature has provided free of charge all the essentials of good health if people would only make use of them. Sleeping in rooms with windows open and kept fresh and clean by sunshine and fresh air, instead of closing them up like prison cells, if followed in all homes would do more to eradicate tuberculosis than all the sanatoria ever built. It would result in stronger, healthier children both physically and mentally. Next in importance to fresh air and sunshine comes the plentiful use of water and milk.

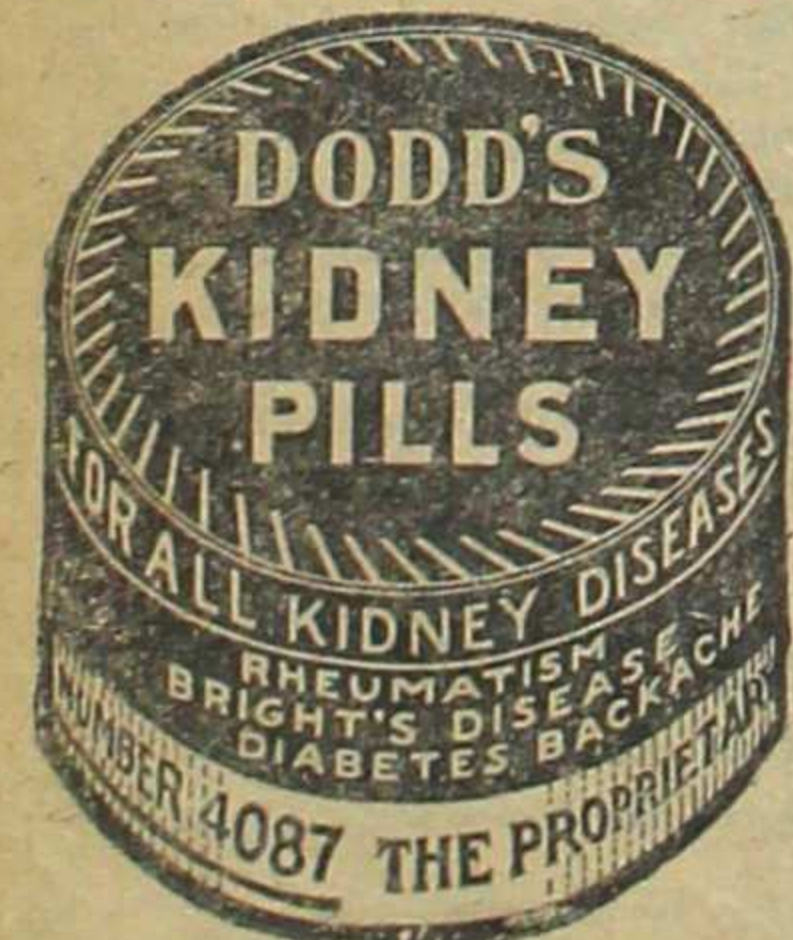
The adoption of habits of cleanliness, washing the hands before handling food, care of the teeth, protection of the homes against flies, the careful disposal of all refuse and rubbish, and the guarding against contamination of the water supply—these things do not cost much money and if systematically followed do not take much time. If persisted in they will result in better health and in the saving of countless dollars in doctor, drug and hospital bills, to say nothing of the greater prosperity accruing to the home and individual through increased earning power resulting from good health, a strong body and a clear mind.

Many people complain of hard times and of accumulated debts, and all too frequently give as an excuse that they have had much sickness, with consequent heavy expense on the one hand and loss of earning power on the other. But they never stop to consider that, instead of such sickness being an excuse, it in many instances merely constitutes an indictment of themselves; that they are not only themselves responsible for the hard times and accumulated debts, but for the sickness from which they or their families have suffered and which brought on their financial difficulties.

The average employer of large staffs of male and female help loses more through lost time and disorganization of his business caused by the absence of employees through sickness than he does through strikes or the general dislocation of business caused by economic depression. But because such losses are not of a spectacular kind, possibly small in themselves but going on like an unnoticed leak in a pipe, he pays little attention to them or to the provision of preventative safeguards.

It is encouraging, however, to note that a general awakening is taking place, that the work of education on health matters is having its effect, that legislative enactments are following closely on the heels of medical discoveries; in a word, that the Twentieth Century Crusade for Good Health is proving more and more effective, and that people are beginning to realize that health is more important and a far greater worldly asset than wealth; that the latter without the former is of little value to the possessor of it.

South African church programme—The choir will sing the Hallelujah Chorus, after which there will be a collection for repairs to the roof.



W. N. U. 1498

A Popular Soprano



Miss Una Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bishop, of Kamsack, who is being well received as a soprano vocalist in Regina. Miss Bishop sang very acceptably at the banquet tendered by the Leader Publishing Co., Ltd., to the weekly newspaper men during their recent convention at Regina.

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Mrs. Alfred Tranchemontagne, St. Michel des Saints, Que., writes: "Baby's Own Tablets are an excellent medicine. They saved my baby's life and I can highly recommend them to all mothers." Mrs. Tranchemontagne's experience is that of thousands of other mothers who have tested the worth of Baby's Own Tablets. The Tablets are a sure and safe medicine for little ones and never fail to regulate the bowels and stomach, thus relieving all the minor ills from which children suffer. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Moved In a Circle

A mid-western paper reports one of the most "vicious circles" we have chanced to read about. A young man worked hard, saved his money and bought a house. Then he and his wife decided to buy an automobile. They mortgaged the house to buy the automobile and lately had to mortgage the automobile to pay the interest on the mortgage on the house. That spiral truly winds to a tight place.—Youth's Companion.

Minard's Liniment for Coughs

Coachman Did Not Understand An Irish coachman of days gone by said in answer to a question: "Mr. Bradley has gone to take a ride in his interim, sir. An hour ago he says to me, 'Michael,' says he, 'I'm expectin' Mr. Brown this morning, but as he won't be here for some time, I'll just go down town in the interim.' And with that he got into what I always called his 'buggy' and off he drove. They do be havin' strange names for things these days."

Only Toy Dogs Admitted

Dogs and Poultry Are Barred From Entry to Canada

Hereafter "toy dogs" only will be admitted to Canada from the United Kingdom. "Real dogs" must remain outside the boundaries of the dominion. A ministerial order, issued by the Department of Agriculture, excludes poultry and dogs "with the exception of toy dogs" coming from the United Kingdom.

The order, issued under the authority of the Animal Contagious Disease Act, is designed to protect Canadian dogs and poultry from the importation of disease.

Minard's Liniment for Distemper

Hansen Has Thrown His Crutches Away

"Tanlac is the only thing I can give any credit for helping me," is the precise statement made recently by C. B. Hansen, a well known carpenter, 12835 121st St., West Edmonton, Alberta. "For three years I had rheumatism so bad in my right hip and foot that I couldn't hit a lick of work. In fact, I couldn't get around at all without my cane or crutches. My pain was almost unbearable. I couldn't sleep

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Deplores Pessimistic Outlook

Everyone Should Help in Reconstruction of World Says Rev. Henry van Dyke

The appearance of so many pessimistic books of late was deplored by the Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke in a sermon in the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, of which his only son, the Rev. Tertius van Dyke, is the pastor. "When Elijah went into the cave he had a bad case of pessimism," declared Dr. van Dyke. "He thought all the world was wrong, going to the bad, and that he only was faithful to God and to duty. He attempted to prove this by having nothing more to do with the world and isolating himself in a cave. There are many men today affected by this form of self-righteous pessimism. They tell us that the 'great Nordic race' is vanishing, that 'the revolt against civilization is sure to succeed, that 'Europe is hopeless,' and therefore America should keep out of it, and so on. What is this but going into the cave? The still, small voice of God calls us to come out, to bear a hand in the struggle for right, to do our duty and trust God for victory."

Requisite on the Farm.—Every farmer and stock-raiser should keep a supply of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil on hand, not only as a ready remedy for ills in the family, but because it is a horse and cattle medicine of great potency. As a substitute for sweet colic for horses and cattle affected by colic it far surpasses anything that can be administered.

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Marriage is often a failure because neither of the interested parties has sense enough to take an occasional vacation from the other.

CANCER

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The Approaching End Of Single Crop Farming Is A Hopeful Sign In The West

The elimination of the "land miner" in the west is cited by a prominent banker as one of the brightest signs of the times. The man who mines his land instead of farming it is being replaced by the real farmer. As time goes on this process of elimination will bear fruit in sustained productivity of the soil and a prosperous and more contented rural population.

"Clean-ups" are still being made in wheat. A recent report from Alberta states that with low-priced farm lands and heavy yields of grain in that province this year, some farmers have been able to "accomplish wonders" in the way of financing their farms. As an instance: Certain parties acquired a farm near Consort in the fall of 1921, which they prepared for crop last year and sowed this year to wheat. The crop which they have just taken off has paid for itself and for the land in addition.

Such instances are unusual. Alberta had an exceptionally heavy wheat yield this season. She cannot depend upon having such yields year in and year out—and neither can Saskatchewan nor Manitoba. Consequently there is nothing in the experience of the few farmers in the west who have done "wonders" with wheat this year to disprove the contention that in the long run straight wheat growing or one-crop farming of any sort is bound to be as bad for the farmer's bank book as it is for his soil. One-crop farming is "land-mining"; and "land-mining" means taking everything out of the soil and putting nothing back.

This sort of "farming" is nothing more or less than straight gambling. The only certain thing about it is that in the end it wears out the soil, which is the farmer's principal capital; cuts down production, and eventually leaves the farmer poor. Where one farmer pays for his land with a single wheat crop these days, a dozen farmers can't pay their taxes out of wheat. The longer men live and farm in this part of the country the more they have it impressed upon them that it is more profitable in the end to make a little money each year than to take a gambler's chance of making a "pile" every fourth or fifth year and having to

spend it all during the intervening lean years. An increasing number of them are consequently going in for dairying and diversified farming. They are listening to the advice of men who have made a study of farming the world over. They are also learning from the experience of older settled districts on the great plain of America, which were cursed with the land miner in their early days and have been forced in recent years to revert to balanced farming.

This is indeed one of the hopeful signs in the west today. The bank and the loan company are frequently looked upon by the farmer as his natural enemies. They are not only not his enemies; but in many ways they are among his most useful friends if he would but recognize the fact. Within the last few months there have been indications that in the future those who have money to loan to farmers will view with greater favor the applications of diversified, dirt farmers than those of land miners and one-crop gamblers. This attitude of the banks and loan companies, if persisted in, as it will undoubtedly be, will have the effect of benefitting both themselves and the farmers. The loans will be better secured; and the farmers will be protected against the inevitable consequences of gambling with nature. The country will benefit all around.

Some farmers will perhaps look upon the stand which has been indicated as a disagreeable form of benevolence. The wiser ones will accept it in the spirit in which it is intended. Wheat will probably remain for many years the principal crop in this province; but straight wheat farming is doomed. As the foundation for a system of intelligently balanced farming, wheat is a very valuable crop. As a whole system in itself, wheat is as risky as any other crop.—Regina Leader.

Alberta's Municipal Hospitals

Success of System is Unique on American Continent

Significant comment on the success of the serviceability of the municipal hospitals system of Alberta, which is unique on the American continent, is contained in the October number of the "Modern Hospital," the organ of the American Hospital Association. The comment is in the shape of an editorial note on an article written by Arthur K. Whiston, supervisor of hospital organization in Alberta. The article is based on an address delivered by Mr. Whiston at the annual session of the Alberta Hospital Association. The article is printed in full, with the following note by the editor:

"The public demands upon the municipal hospital are becoming more each year. The hospital as a semi-private institution where those who can afford its care in time of sickness has gone forever. Today, we are trying to make the hospital an institution open to everyone who needs the facilities it offers. The municipal hospital as a public utility presents a peculiar problem in that it may not become a burden. The municipal hospitals of Alberta have adjusted themselves to this difficulty through a plan by which the well pay for the hospital service of the sick through a tax for that purpose. This, together with the one dollar a day rate charged patients, finances the hospital. In this way the burden of maintaining the hospital is equally distributed among taxpayers.

Interest In Annuities

Increasing interest throughout Canada in the Dominion Government annuities is indicated by a large increase in applications for this form of investment made during the last six months to the Dominion annuities branch of the Department of Labor. During the first six months of the present fiscal year, which starts on April 1, the amount of money invested has been over \$567,000, which is an increase of \$125,000 over the value of the annuities issued in the same period last year.

When you see a young man at church every Sunday night it doesn't take a puzzle expert to find the girl.

WESTERN EDITORS



Jno. A. Carswell, Editor and Proprietor of The News, Red Deer, Alberta.

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Settlers From U.S.

Number Decreased During Year But More Money Brought In

Settlers to enter Canada from the United States in the western immigration division during October numbered 608, showing a decrease of 155 under the total for the same month of 1922, it was announced at offices of the Dominion Immigration Department. Though the number of new comers was smaller than in 1922, wealth brought into the country by the settlers exceeded that brought in last season. This year's figure was \$170,931 compared with \$140,269 last year, while the value of settlers' effects was placed at \$43,111 compared with \$67,949. North Portal proved the most popular port of entry for the month, it was learned, for 161 entrants were reported from there. Second came Emerson with 134.

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Blotting Paper From Wood Pulp

New Departure in the Manufacture of Blotting Paper

As a result of investigations recently carried out by the Forest Products Laboratories of the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior, Canada, in their experimental paper mill, blotting paper with excellent absorptive qualities has been produced entirely from wood pulp. This is an entire departure in the manufacture of blotting paper, the best grades hitherto being made from rag pulp. An interesting feature of the new product is that it contains a large proportion of pulp made from a wood which, although plentiful, has found little employment in the pulp industry in Canada.

Selecting The Best Varieties Of Wheat For Growing In The Prairie Provinces

The selection of the best varieties of wheat for growing in the Canadian west may be considered one of the most important questions with which the agriculturist has to deal. In years gone by Red Fife wheat was considered to be the best wheat for western conditions, when the wheat growing area was small. This old Red Fife was only suitable for southern districts in the prairie provinces, where it is still grown to a certain extent, and to districts where earliness was not an important factor. It was soon found, however, in the development of the Canadian west, that an early variety was necessary. The Experimental Farms ever since their inception have endeavored to introduce early, high-yielding varieties of good milling quality.

The most noteworthy introduction of the Dominion Experimental Farms, as far as wheat is concerned, is the variety Marquis which has become world famous in a very short time. In the year 1892, numerous crosses were made of our Canadian wheats from India and Russia, with the result that Marquis wheat was originated from one of these crosses, but it was not until 1903 that a pure line selection was obtained. From then on, Marquis has gradually gained the ascendancy over all other wheats in the west, until today about 80 per cent. of the wheat grown in Canada is Marquis. It is also worthy of note that 16 per cent. of the wheat grown in the United States of America is Marquis. One other wheat has in that country a higher percentage than Marquis and that is Turkey, a winter wheat that is grown in the majority of the states. Of the spring wheats, however, Marquis is the first in popularity and leads all spring wheats by about 8 per cent. of the total wheat area of the states. In 1919 some twelve million acres of Marquis wheat were grown in the United States.

The Experimental Farms, always keeping in mind their objective of an early, high-yielding wheat of good milling qualities, have been able to introduce other wheats of less commercial value but still of utmost importance for certain districts. Among these other wheats should be noted Ruby, Prelude and Huron. Ruby wheat is a wheat which ripens about 8 to 10 days earlier than Marquis and is therefore suitable in districts where Marquis, in the average year, is a little too late. Ruby, however, is not as high yielding or of as good milling quality as Marquis, and should, therefore, be grown only in districts where Marquis is not a sure crop. The Prelude wheat is an extremely early wheat, suitable only for districts where the season is very short. Prelude will ripen about 14 days earlier than Marquis, or 4 to 8 days earlier than Ruby.

The above wheats are most adapted to western conditions, but it has been found that they give excellent results under Eastern Canadian conditions, especially if grown on somewhat heavier soils. The Cereal Division, when considering its wheat work, has always kept in mind the requirements of the east as well as the west, with the result that Huron wheat was introduced for use in Eastern Canada on the lighter soils. Huron is a bearded wheat which gives good results on the sandy soils that are so frequently met with in Eastern Canada.

The introduction of the above wheats has financially meant a great deal to Canada. It has been computed by various persons that Marquis wheat alone has added to the wealth of Canada some \$20,000,000 per annum.

Apart from the financial aspect, the fact that 80 per cent. of the wheat produced in Canada is Marquis is in itself a sufficient assurance that Marquis has been of great benefit to the Dominion.

Canadian Apples Winners

Four First Prizes Go to B.C. at Imperial Fruit Show

At the Imperial Fruit Show held recently in Manchester, England, four first prizes were awarded to British Columbia apple growers and two to Nova Scotia growers.

In the British Empire section, the first place for "any dessert variety" went to the Associated Growers of British Columbia. In the same section for any cooking variety, the first three prizes went to English exhibitors, while the fourth position went to the Associated Growers of British Columbia.

Three special prizes were won by the Associated Growers of British Columbia. The Associated Growers secured the Daily Overseas Mail gold cup (£50) for the exhibition in the overseas section; the Goodwins, Limited, silver cup (£15) for the best entry by any British Columbia co-operative organization; and the Poupart, Limited, prize of £10 in gold for the best British Columbia exhibit in the overseas section.

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Leviathan Leaves Southampton Only Twenty-Six Hours After Docking

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For twenty-four hours 1,500 men and women worked continuously to get her ready for sea, and when the last ton of freight was shipped there were two hours to spare. A few hours after the Leviathan reached port two laundries washed and ironed 43,000 pieces of linen. The rush was made so 1,140 emigrants on board might be included in the November quota.

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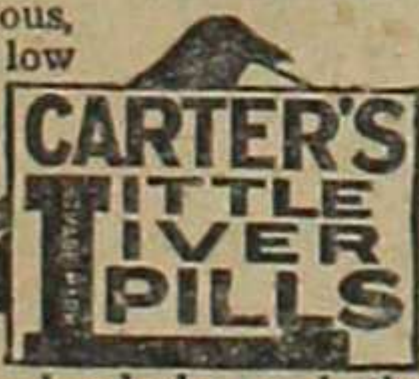
"Now, what is the use of the reindeer?"

The startled urchin looked up and said: "It makes everything in the garden lovely, teacher."

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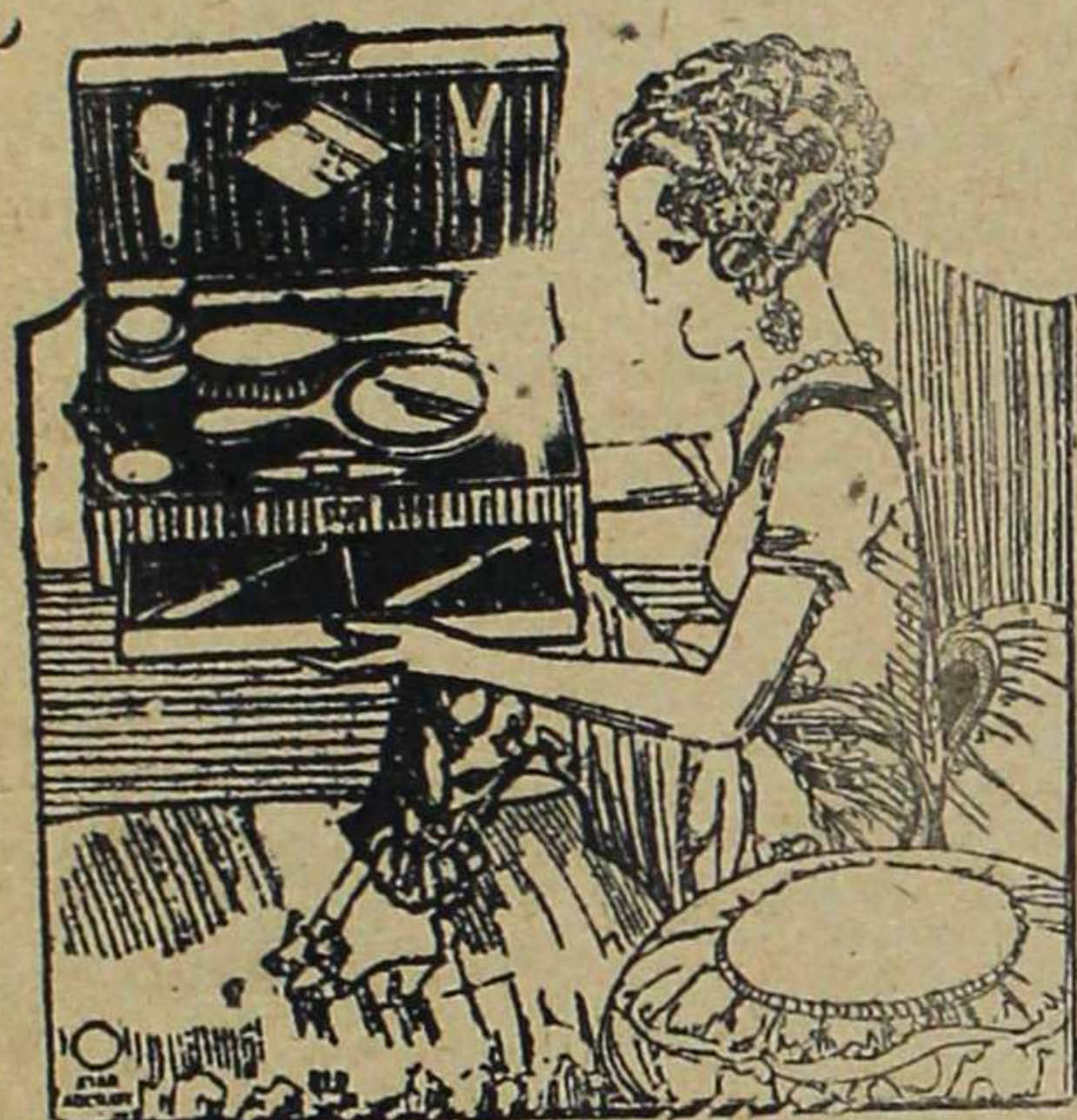
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**20 Years Sees Big Increase In
Number Of School Pupils**

The development of any community is best measured by the increase of its most valuable assets, and the greatest assets of a town are undoubtedly its children.

Twenty years ago, when the Abbotsford school was a little room near the present Great Northern station, the residents had to "borrow" children from a distance to make up enough to keep the school open. There were not a dozen children of school age in the district.

Today, the fine building on the opposite rise is accomodating two hundred and fifty.

Eight teachers are now necessary to cope with the scholars, every class is full, and in February a move up will be necessary in the receiving classes to make room for more children that will then be coming.

Before the year is out, increased accomodation must be provided.

For the first time in its history, a full high school course is now taught here, the Abbotsford scholar can step straight from his home school to the University, or Normal, if he wishes to prosecute his studies to the highest limit. The standard of teaching and scholarship in Abbotsford has never been higher than it is today.

Abbotsford

The King Mission Band of the Presbyterian church held a special entertainment in the church on Friday afternoon the 14th which was a great success. There were thirty-six boys and girls, members of the band, present. Miss Mina Bailey, presided.

After devotional exercises several Christmas choruses were well rendered by all the members. Miss Flossie Hunt and Miss Vera Bedlow sang solos and Miss Kathleen Vanetta favored with a reading. Miss Mina Bailey conducted the meeting in a very capable manner. On invitation a goodly number of mothers and friends were present who greatly enjoyed the meeting. Mrs. W. J. Gray and Mrs. Bedlow, leaders of the band, were accompanists for the music and assisted the young people in the entertainment. Mrs. Parton was in charge of the refreshments which all enjoyed.

A baptismal font was dedicated last Sunday morning in St. Margaret's church, Bradner. The font, which was the gift of a number of old-timers to the church is beautifully made and carved in oak, with brass bowl inset and is the work of Mr. T. Richards of New Westminster.

Donald W. Benedict has been elected as a member from the south Fraser constituency for the Boy's Parliament to meet in Victoria, January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Miss A. M. Steede, Mr. James Downie and Mr. H. R. Brown took part in a concert held last Friday night in Bradner.

Mrs. G. Trussel recently visited Vancouver.

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DAY DREAMS

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YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Buying Christmas gifts ought to be an enjoyable undertaking because it is done with the idea of giving pleasure to others. Unfortunately, however, it often resolves itself into a tiring, nerve-racking business. When this happens it is usually because the shopping has not been carefully planned beforehand. Unless a list is made of the persons for whom you intend to purchase presents, and some idea indicated of the amount of money you wish to spend on each one and the kind of article you mean to buy, chaos and disappointment are sure to result. Few women have unlimited money to spend, and, there-

fore, they have to see how they can make the most of what they have, to study the shop windows, catalogues, and advertisements so that they will have some idea of values and prices. Once the list is made it is a good idea to carry it about with you in your purse, so that if you happen unexpectedly to see something that will just suit your husband or one of your children or your friends, you can buy it right away and triumphantly cross the name off the list.

A gift that is chosen as the result of observation, and, therefore, fills a need or gratifies a wish, is always the most appreciated—even though its monetary worth may be slight.

When possible it is advisable to write down alternate suggestions on your list, as by so doing you may save your time and trouble.

Another time-saving notion is to group together on one list all the articles that would be obtained in the same department or the same shop.

"Shop early" is a slogan of the Christmas shopping season and one which is worth putting into practice. By so doing you avoid rush, receive the best attention, a wider choice of goods, and can accomplish twice as much in the time.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

It is the same eternal question. And how often will it be asked? Just as long and as often as Christmas comes. You will be asked and thousands more, and little children will be answered and reassured and made happy just as the little girl who put her question to the great editor, A. Dana. She sought high authority when some one asked her faith in childhood's patron saint to fall, and what the famous editor wrote her. It is the best that we know:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing which is not comprehensible to their little minds. You, Virginia, whether they be men's or children, are not. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, his intellect, as compared with the boundless world which he inhabits, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how few of us have the wisdom to see that. It is as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There are no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, no tolerable existence. We should have no enjoyment in sense and sight. The eternal light with which God fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! Might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the houses on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is just like the world we live in—there are no fairies! The world are those that neither children nor men can see. You never see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; it's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can see or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and

misunderstandings, grudges or quarrels rob him of his own peace; but now, as he puts away these differences as unfit for the season of good-will, the peace arrives.

That is the paradox of Christianity. He who seeks peace does not find it. He who gives peace finds it returning to him again. He who hoards his life loses it, and he who spends it finds it:—

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,—
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and me."

That is the sweet and lingering echo of the angel's song

CHRISTMAS IN THE FAMILY

At this time of year all the family pick on father for the wherewithal to buy Christmas presents and so, by a circuitous route, father buys his own present but someone else gives it to him.

He lives under a nervous strain and when he sees a member of the family approaching him with a steely glitter in their eye he puts his hand in his pocket and says automatically—"How much?"

No matter how long and carefully prepared your list is, some unexpected person is sure to present you with something and once in a while you get badly twisted, and give the perfectly useless present one of the relatives gave you last year, back to her with much love!

And afterwards! Brother Bob could swim in a sea of handkerchiefs but he got a lot more and Sister Mary (who has a bilious complexion) got two yellow blouses!

Mother (who never goes anywhere but to church) got a pink feather fan! and Dad (a home body) a pair of opera glasses! Father gave mother a double boiler and mother gave father a new shovel for the furnace!



HAPPY MOMENTS

This reproduction is from the original by the late Philip Boileau, who was born in Quebec, and became famous after studying in France and later in New York, where many of his works of art were used by the large art publishers of the United States.

in the world. You may tear apart the baby's skin and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil between the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor the united strength of all the strongest men that ever could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, devotion, and the power of the imagination can push aside that curtain and view and picture the eternal beauty and glory beyond. Is it real? Ah, Virginia, all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. Is there a Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. And years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten years from now, he will continue to make glad the childhood."

PEACE AND GOOD WILL

We are beginning to feel already the sweep of life that is all along to the keeping of the Christmas season; already takes on a Christmas tone, and we begin to sing of the angels which seemed to the Evangelists the human birth of Jesus a fit accompaniment in the peace of heaven.

The song of the angels, as we have been used to reading the threefold message; of glory to God, peace on earth, goodwill among men; but the better scholarship of the Version now reads in the verse a twofold message. There is a glory to God, and then there is peace on earth and goodwill. Those, that is to say, who have the peace in themselves are the ones who will find peace on their unselfishness brings them their personal happiness they give themselves in goodwill, and so they obtain that is the true spirit of the Christmas season. It is the will which brings the peace. Over and over again months of feverish scrambling for personal gain, men fight for peace and have not found it; and now, when this generous goodwill, the peace they sought

Uncle Henry (who wears a wig) was presented with a handsome bottle of hair tonic! and Cousin James who "never touches the filthy weed" two boxes of cigars and a cuspidor!

The home brew that father had made specially for the festive season unfortunately turned into vinegar and cast a gloom over some of the male members, otherwise the Christmas celebration is bound to be a huge success.

And 11 p.m. Christmas night!

Mother: "Father! have you seen the castor oil bottle anywhere lately? Willie seems to have a pain."

Willie sitting limply in his chair sees a vision of two helpings of turkey, peas, potatoes, salad, plum pudding, mince pie, nuts and raisins and candy passing before him.

Willie: "Mother, it's not 'actly a pain, it's only I'm just too rounded out!"

Family Chorus: "No, it's not a pain, it's just we're too rounded out." (deep sighs).

DICKENS AND CHRISTMAS

Christmas! A well-known public man once said that: "Charles Dickens, to a great extent, made the keeping of Christmas what it is." There is little doubt that the Master-Author's Christmas stories infused into the World that Christmas spirit which is so prevalent to-day—the Spirit of Love and Charity. Charles Dickens' works are as popular to-day as they were fifty years ago. Branches of the Dickens Fellowship Society are established in many towns on both sides of the Atlantic, and their membership is increasing yearly. Charles Dickens will never be forgotten. The millions of his readers speak for that, and he will be always especially remembered at Christmas time.

It is more than half a century since all that was left of the great heart and brain was deposited in Westminster Abbey. Yet the magic of Charles Dickens still touches our lives, and the manhood of the whole Anglo-Saxon race is covered by those hours of our boyhood when we laughed at Sam Weller, hated Jonas Chuzzlewit, and loved David Copperfield.

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